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DRAMATIC BALKAN DEVELOPMENT: BLOODLESS ARMY COUP D'ETAT IN YUGOSLAVIA: BOY KING PETER TAKES ROYAL POWER IN HAND

Premier And Minister Who Signed Axis Pact Arrested: Prince Paul Flees

A BLOODLESS MILITARY COUP D'ETAT WAS CARRIED OUT IN THE CAPITAL OF YUGOSLAVIA AT 2.30 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE. THE BOY KING PETER II, WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF HIS 18TH BIRTHDAY, TOOK ROYAL POWER INTO HIS OWN HANDS.

The arrest of M. TSVETKOVITCH, the Prime Minister, and other Ministers who signed the Axis Pact, was closely followed by the appointment of GENERAL DUSAN SIMOVITCH, Head of the Air Force, as leader of the new Government, and the issue of a Proclamation by the young King calling for unity and loyalty within Yugoslavia in the present crisis in the country's history, says Reuter.

PRINCE PAUL, THE SENIOR BEGENT, fled with his wife when the coup took place.

An official statement made in Belgrade and a broadcast by the Budapest radio shows that the Proclamation is as follows:

"Serbs, Croats and Slovenes: at this point so grave in the history of our people, I have decided to take Royal power into my own hands.

"Members of the Regency Council appreciated the correctness of the reasons for my action and immediately resigned of their own accord.

"The Royal Army and Navy have placed themselves at my disposal and are already carrying out my orders.

"I APPEAL TO ALL SERBS, CROATS AND SLOVENES TO RALLY ROUND THE THRONE IN THE PRESENT GRAVE CRISIS. This is the surest way to preserve internal order and external peace.

Full Allied Support For Young King

The Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill's speech in London yesterday would normally have been devoted mainly to domestic affairs, but the announcement of a epoch-making event in Yugoslavia and full Allied support for the young King and the new Government give it worldwide significance, says Reuter.

"I have great news for you and the whole country," he said. "Early this morning, the Yugoslav nation found its soul. Revolution has taken place in Belgrade and the Ministers who but yesterday signed away the honour and freedom of our country were reported under arrest."

NO CATALOGUE ON PEACE AND WAR AIMS

Speaking in London yesterday of the peace, which will follow the present war, the Prime Minister expressed a strong hope for national unity in the making of peace, says Reuter.

Because of the interests of national unity, he continued, he refrained from producing the catalogue of war aims or peace aims.

Cheers greeted Mr. Churchill's statement that he was glad to see that President Roosevelt was of the same opinion.

The Prime Minister declared that he had great confidence in the future and mentioned the rising of spirit of the Great American nation.

HAWKERS ROBBED

Found by an Indian constable at Pokfulam Road with their hands and feet bound, two hawkers were taken to the West Point Police Station early yesterday morning.

One of the victims, Kao Man, stated that about 3.30 a.m. he encountered two robbers who, after trying him up took \$2 from his person.

The other hawker met a similar fate and was robbed of \$2.40.



Battle Of The Atlantic Must Be Won

Mr. Churchill declared yesterday that he could not doubt that "before many months are passed, I shall be able to declare to you that the battle of the Atlantic has been decisively won." He was addressing a meeting of the Central Council of the National Union Conservative Associations, says Reuter.

"The battle of the Atlantic must be won so that food supplies, munitions and every form of American aid may come to us in ever-growing volume."

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NEW CABINET

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—A Berlin announcement of developments of Yugoslavia states the new Cabinet includes leaders and representatives of all political parties and all sections of the population.

The principal portfolios are M. SIMOVITCH, Premier; M. MATCHEK, Vice-Premier; and M. NINCITCH, Foreign Minister.

The official German news Agency, in a statement issued from Berlin, now announces the formation of the new Yugoslav Government under General Simovitch, and adds, somewhat lamely, that it is formed "after consultation with the leading persons in the Yugoslav capital."

"I have charged the Army Corps General Simovitch with the formation of a new government.

"I appeal to all to support the new Government."

The Proclamation concludes with an appeal to all Serbs, Croats and Slovenes to carry on and stand behind the Throne.

King Peter issued a second proclamation appealing to the population to continue usual vocations.

General Milodij Stefanovitch, who was appointed the Governor of Belgrade, has issued an appeal to the people to unite in standing behind the Army which "is ready to defend the country's independence and integrity."

The Army has taken an oath of allegiance to the new War Minister, General Ilitch.

A BRIGHT STAR
Thousands of people gathered outside the palace of the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church, following the change of Government in the country.

Addressing the crowd, the Patriarch said that at this dark hour in the history of the country there appears a bright star of the dynasty—King Peter II.

He appealed to the people to stand behind their young King and answer the sterling call of the country.

He concluded: "The Church is with you, as always."

Belgrade was superficially calm at midnight.

Local demonstrations were quelled by squads of police who, however, acted most reasonably.

The most important demonstration yesterday was outside the Soviet Legation where crowds shouted "Long live England. Long live Russia. Down with Hitler. Down with Mussolini."

ASPECT CHANGED
Dramatic developments in Belgrade have completely changed the aspect of the European situation with a startling suddenness, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

"The development came most opportunely with Mr. Matsuo's message in Berlin where he will be able to see at first hand the German reactions to the unexpected situation."

Prime Konoye, Japanese Premier, had just sent a message congratulating Germany on her diplomatic success which had given him great joy, a London message adds.

DIRECT WARNING BY DONOVAN TO UNITED STATES AGAINST THE DANGERS OF INDECISION

COLONEL WILLIAM J. DONOVAN, WHO FOR SOME MONTHS HAS BEEN TOURING QUIETLY IN EUROPE AS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S OFFICIAL OBSERVER, made an important and outspoken broadcast in New York on Wednesday night.

Col. Donovan is one of the most fully informed men in the whole world on the war situation, background and possibilities, and up to the present he has been totally silent in public as to the conclusions he has drawn from his recent experiences and information received in Europe, says Reuter.

The speech, therefore, is particularly important as it constituted a direct warning to the United States against the dangers of indecision, asking the Americans "Are we prepared to take the chance?"

He pointed out the two provisions of the Lease and Lend Act could be considered acts of war, and declared the only choice for the American people was whether or not they would resist Herr Hitler.

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Future Of Labour, Industry, Democracy

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—"The future of labour, industry and democracy will be decided by the outcome of the war, not only in our time but for generations to come," said the United States Ambassador, MR. J. G. WINANT, speaking at a luncheon given in his honour by the British Employers' Confederation and Trades Union Congress.

Referring to the British as a free people, Mr. Winant said: "The strength of understanding and leadership is making itself felt more and more day by day. It has already enabled you to resist what no slave or regimenting people could ever resist."

"It will bring you total victory," Mr. Churchill attended the luncheon and was in a jovial, humorous and friendly mood.

GERMANS LEAVING AMERICA

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—A mass evacuation of German nationals from the United States is now under way, reports the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS.

One hundred and ninety-one German women and children and men over military age embarked in a Spanish liner Magallanes on Wednesday and the women declared that their husbands had already left for Germany via San Francisco.

The newspaper regards the evacuation as preliminary to the rupture of diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States.

TOMAHAWKS IN MIDDLE EAST

The American Tomahawk planes, fast single-engine machines and heavily armed with cannons, have arrived in the Middle East, states a London message.

Meanwhile the battle for Kerem continues after 18 days of fighting in intense heat, and the situation continues to develop satisfactorily.

Counter-attacks have been repulsed and many prisoners, including a brigade, have been taken.

In Eastern Abyssinia operations over most difficult country are proceeding according to plan.

FALL FROM FERRY

While travelling on the ferry Man Yiu from Hongkong to Kowloon City about 1.40 p.m. yesterday a Chinese woman passenger accidentally fell overboard. She was rescued.

ARMY CONTRACT CANCELLED

It was announced by the Financial Secretary to the War Office in the House of Commons that a contract for 1,000,000 beds was cancelled, states a London message.

The soldiers could not fit into the beds these having been made for evacuee children!

Today's News Summary

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BALKANS have taken a sensational turn where in the capital of Yugoslavia a bloodless military coup d'etat was carried out yesterday morning and the boy King Peter the Second has taken Royal power in his own hands.

THE YUGOSLAV PRIME MINISTER and other Ministers who signed the Axis Pact in Vienna have been arrested and it is reported that the Senior Regent, Prince Paul, has fled from the country with his wife. This startling news from Belgrade was announced by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, when he spoke in London.

IN AN IMPORTANT BROADCAST, Colonel W. J. Donovan, who toured Europe as President Roosevelt's personal representative, sounded a direct warning to the United States against the dangers of indecision. Referring to the Lease and Lend Bill he said it would mean nothing if what was produced in America could not reach its destination.

FIRST SIGNS IN DIPLOMATIC rupture between America and Germany is seen in the mass evacuation of German women and children and men of military age from the United States.

FOUND DEAD

An unknown Chinese was found dead early yesterday morning near the gymnasium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Bridges Street. It is believed that he had committed suicide by jumping down from the roof.

DISTANT VIEW, UNITED EXPRESS & SAPPER TO CONTEST BROKEN HILL HANDICAP

STEWARDS' CUP "CLASSIC" OF THE DAY: TWO EVENTS ARE CONFINED TO NOVICES

BY "LAST QUARTER"

THERE WILL BE NO FIELD OF OVER 16 RUNNERS AT THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW AFTERNOON at Happy Valley, as only in one event, The Stewards' Cup, has this number been reached. This "classic" will be one of the main features of the afternoon's racing and is confined to Australian Griffins of this season; winners of \$5,000 or more in stakes barred. The race is from the two mile post once round and in and should prove most interesting as the ponies will be racing with handicap weights.

In the Broken Hill Handicap for "A" Class Australians over the same distance as the Stewards' Cup, there are ten entries but this should in no way detract the public's interest in the actual racing. As United Express, the champion subscription griffin of the year and undefeated heretofore, has been entered and will have a pull of 7 lbs. from Sapper, the top weight in the race. Distant View, who was beaten by Sapper at weight for inches in the Champions' at the Annual Meeting will likewise benefit tomorrow with a 7 lbs. handicap.

The Fatshan Handicap for "C" Class China ponies is divided into two sections — the second and eighth races on the programme. Both these events are confined to Novice Jockeys and will be run from the 1 1/2 Mile Post. Whilst the provision for novices commands itself, I am somewhat disappointed that it should be over a sprint distance. It would probably just mean a fast getaway, with little opportunity for the riders to sit down properly and have a real try at driving their mounts — and many a novice in this Colony badly needs practice in this sphere. Personally, I favour races of a mile or over for Novice Jockeys.

KONGMUN PLATE

The racing opens with a mile event for China ponies, griffins of this season; winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes, barred. Lovelylight has been entered and if this bay has recovered fully from the ill-effects of her run in the Hongkong Derby, I do not think pun-

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Clubs, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794), will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Telephone 21929).

No admission for amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00, including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

MARATHON RACE TODAY

MANSON FAVOURED TO WIN

The annual Kowloon Marathon Race over a course of 6 1/2 miles will be run this evening, starting at 9 p.m. sharp in Nathan Rd. outside St. Andrew's Church.

Nineteen entries have been received, units represented being Middlesex Regiment, Royal Corps of Signals, Royal Air Force, Royal Scots, while there are also two civilians entered.

Pte. Manson (R. Scots) will start favourite, while others likely to finish in the first five are Sig. Lewis (R. Signals) and L. A. C. Moulton (R.A.F.).

The civilian entries are C. Truax, inter-school 1,500 metres champion and D.B.S. cross-country run winner, and S. N. Aromin, of Kowloon Docks.

Pte. Corrigan (R. Scots), winner of the Marathon last year, is not entered.

CRICKET SHIELD WON BY R.E.

Royal Engineers at Sookunpoo yesterday won the Large Units Cricket Knock-out competition. At the conclusion of the game Brig. T. McLeod presented the trophy.

R.E. 145 and 64 (Ratcliffe 37; Dewar 5 for 22; Murphy 4 for 30). Small Units 65 (Coombes 23; Tropp 3 for 14) and 79 (Logan 24; Coombes 19; Megson 9 for 25).

FATSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

The first of the two events for Novices and the start should have a bearing effect on the finish in this five furlong sprint. Johnber and Thirty Six are likely contenders and I favour the former after Wednesday morning's fast 3/4 mile training gallop inside 1:32. Thirty Six ran very convincingly at the Annual Meeting but was up against tough opposition and should therefore show up better tomorrow despite little loss in form of late. Lancashire Lass also appears to be somewhat backward, so my next choice is Eve of Peace. Jennifer and Blue Diamond are both fairly good sprinters but have done little to warrant any strong support.

STEWARDS' CUP

Although Oracle put up a splendid performance at the First Extra and covered the mile in 1:44, she will have a much harder time tomorrow as I feel certain that First Love, Marsh Warbler and Colooma will all be right in it at the finish. In addition, one must seriously consider Gloaming, who has yet to show what she is really capable of doing and to me, only showed a glimpse of her true form when winning the sprint race at the Annual Meeting. I have a feeling that this mare will eventually turn out to be the main opposition to Oracle. The others are not worth worrying much about.

BROKEN HILL HANDICAP

Distant View went under to Sapper at the big meeting and as a consequence will have 7 lbs. pull in weight tomorrow, but I think this will make but slight difference and still look to Mrs. Grassie's nomination to secure another victory. The interest in the race will be furnished by United Express, who also has a 7 lb. weight advantage. This champion sub of the year is undoubtedly a grand racer, but while I anticipate this brown doing well, I will rely on Sapper to get the better of him and put the Neean candidate under for the first time.

Viceroy will have quite a following, his last week's third in the two mile run is no real indication of her present condition. In addition, the light impact of 140 lbs. will be beneficial. Australian Diamond at 137 lbs. will try any other runaway race but I cannot see the other jockeys making the same mistake twice, and will surely give him less rope tomorrow.

Baffin Bay at bottom weight looks tempting but the distance is not quite to his boy's liking. Lancashire Lass is also another bottom weight contender. At the moment I fancy Sapper, with United Express and Distant View next, and Viceroy as the one likely to cause an upset, if any.

ROBERT HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

In this six furlong race for "B" Class Australian ponies, Conniber tomorrow

should again be prominent as this chestnut was pulling away from the field at the finish, when she won her race last week. Rowan should be closer up tomorrow as I think the distance will be more to her liking. Many Thanks should do well and is capable of extending the best in this class.

R.E. 145 and 64 (Ratcliffe 37; Dewar 5 for 22; Murphy 4 for 30). Small Units 65 (Coombes 23; Tropp 3 for 14) and 79 (Logan 24; Coombes 19; Megson 9 for 25).

CANTON HANDICAP

I have not seen Eve of Heaven recently and frankly have no idea of her present condition, but if this Sassoon entrant is anywhere near fit, she stands an excellent chance in this six furlong race. Velvetlight is quite a danger though I would like to see this stallion over a longer distance. White Diamond is a recognized sprinter, while Charlesber and World Fair View are possibilities, not forgetting Kentucky and Conquer Time. The field is a well matched one and difficult to pick anything outstanding.

ROBERT HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

For the second leg of the Daily Double, I like the chances of Devonian and think the six furlongs is just right for this pony. A Surprising Time is best over sprints and should therefore offer a strong challenge. National Welfare is inclined to be slightly moody, at the gate, but this bay is also a fine sprinter and should not be neglected. Maple Leaf and Happy Returns are fair outsiders.

FATSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Another five furlong sprint for Novice Jockeys. In looking over the entries, I like Emergency Unit, Galveston Bay and Just in Time. Have not seen Musketeer of late, but understand he is one of the early gallopers. Take a note of the positions at the gate as this will be quite a factor and may be the one important thing to count. Rose Evelyn is in quite fine condition but this roan is more than a handful for many an experienced rider and I certainly would not feel too confident about a novice handling her.

CANTON HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

The final event is another six furlong sprint for "B" Class China ponies and I favour the Marsh candidates, Lulliber and Hughber. Any of these two ponies are capable of winning and it would be interesting to see which one the stable jockey selects for his mount. The danger will come from Humdrum Eye and Rowan. Another fine race with very little in it at the finish. My final selections will appear in the Daily Press.

GUIDE TO RACING FORM AT VALLEY

The following is a detailed guide to form, up to and including the First Extra, giving the time, first four ponies, jockeys and weights, distance won by, and day of meeting and race number. The last set of figures representing the day of the meeting and the number of the race (e.g., 1E 6, represents First Extra Race Meeting, race 6).

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

6 FURLONGS

1.18.0—Viceroy (Black, 147); Far View (Pih, 150); Brown Derby (Treverton, 135); Head and short head (4, King's Welcome, Needs 152); 3.9.

ONE MILE

1.46.2—Sapper (Davis, 159); Far View (Pih, 150); Viceroy (Black, 152); 5 and 24 (4, Australian Diamond, Chang, 145); 1, 7.

1.50.3—Catterick Bridge (Chao, 148); Venus Bay (Needs, 149); Cheerful Star (Tao, 154); 4 and 1 (4, Bruno, Treverton, 143); 3.5.

1.52.2—Longdon (Noodt, 135); Good Time (Needs, 159); A Good Time (Chang, 135); 5 and 2 (4, Ruby Star, Botelho 150); 4.6.

1.56.0—Many Thanks (Hearne, 159); Vixen Tor (Noodt, 147); Pumpernickel (Tao, 153); Many and 4 (4, Fair Chance, Wei 152); 2.12.

1 MILE 17 1/2 YARDS

1.59.1—Fair Chance (Wei, 146); Springhurst (Poy, 148); Vixen Tor (Noodt, 143); 14 and short head (4, Many Thanks, Chao 159); 1, 11.

1 1/2 MILES

2.17.0—Sapper (Davis, 152); Distant View (Pih, 152); Viceroy (Black, 152); 3 and 5 (4, Fleetwing, Poy 152); 4, 9.

2 MILES

3.39.1—Endeavour (Wei, 145); Australian Diamond (Chang, 150); Viceroy (Black, 154); 4 and 3 (E. 6).

3.51.4—Brunis (Treverton, 135); Springhurst (Poy, 149); Conniber (Chang, 149); 3 and 4 (4, Triumphant Day, Tao 142); 4, 3.

3.54.3—Centre Court (Noodt, 148); Venus Bay (Needs, 159); Colorado Star (Davis, 185); 14 and many (4, Quick Despatch, Treverton 189); 5, 9.

OLD CHINA PONIES

6 FURLONGS

1.34.3—Eve of Peace (Wood, 155); Lovely Star (Fung, 159); Royal Wedding Eve (Fielden, 188); 8 and many (4, Eve of Hunting (Haymes 159); 2, 11.

1 MILE

1.54.0—Racelight (Noodt, 152); Eve of Harvest (Davis, 159); Spotlight (Moller, 155); 1 and 14 (4, Dupont Bay, Needs 152); 3, 4.

1.58.1—Hillaboro Bay (Needs, 152); Hughber (Treverton, 138); Lulliber (Chang, 143); Short head (4, Galaxy, Noodt 135); 5, 4.

1.58.3—Conquer Time (Moller, 150); and Eve of Hunting (Davis, 135); Hughber (Chang, 135); Deadhead and short head (4, Hillaboro Bay, Needs 150); 2, 5.

2.01.0—Eve of Dancing (Wood, 154); Rose Jane (Botelho, 149); Galveston Bay (Noodt, 140); 2 and head (second pony, Eve of Folly, was disqualified); 5, 6.

1 MILE 17 1/2 YARDS

2.13.3—Gladitor (Chatter, 145); Potentate (Chui Ki-fan, 149); Galveston Bay (W. Yui, 140); 4 and 3 (4, Emergency Unit, S.W. Lee 140); 4, 4.

2.16.2—Eve of Peace (Coppin, 154); Eve of Hunting (Davis, 135); Royal Wedding Eve (Sokoloff, 159); 4 and 24 (4, King's Worthy, Noodt 148); 3, 7.

1 1/2 MILES

2.25.1—Navylight (Moller, 153); Eve of Harvest (Davis, 153); Confusion Bay (Needs, 150); Head and 4 (4, Dupont Bay, S.L. Yuen 152); 2, 2.

2.26.2—Confusion Bay (Black, 152); Navylight (Moller, 152); O-Lan (Needs, 150); 2 and 1 (4, Racelight, Noodt 152); 4, 8.

1 1/2 MILES

3.26.1—O-Lan (Needs, 149); Eve of Harvest (Davis, 149); Burford (S.W. Tang, 152); 2 and short head (4, Navylight, Noodt 152); 1, 1.

1941 AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS

1 MILE 17 1/2 YARDS

1.01.1—Distant View (Pih, 152); Fleetwing (Poy, 152); Missa (Botelho 152); 5 and

2 (4, King's Welcome, Needs 150); 3, 3.

1.02.0—Starlight (Moller, 152); Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152); Hascossay (Davis, 152); 4 and short head (4, King's Welcome, Needs 149); 4, 11.

1.02.2—Gloaming (Poy, 152); Hascossay (Davis, 152); Locust Standi (Sokoloff, 152); 3 and short head (4, King's Welcome, Needs 152); 5, 5.

6 FURLONGS

1.18.2—Distant View (Pih, 152); Vis Major (Sokoloff, 152); Starlight (Moller, 152); 3 and 5 (4, King's Welcome, Needs 149); 1, 6.

1 MILE

1.44.0—Oracle (Needs, 149); Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152); Prairie View (Pih, 152); 3 and 5 (4, Canberra, Black 149); 1E 2.

1.48.3—A Luxurious Time (Hearne, 152); Prairie View (Pih, 152); National Courage (Tao, 152); 3 and 2 (4, Vis Major, Sokoloff 152); 5, 1.

1.51.0—A Happy Time (Holden, 152); Fleetwing (Poy, 152); Colooma (Black, 152); 5 and short head (4, Mountain View, Botelho 152); 1, 3.

1 MILE 17 1/2 YARDS

2.00.3—Fleetwing (Poy, 152); Starlight (Moller, 152); Mountain View (Pih, 152); 3 and 1 (4, King's Welcome, Black 149); 2, 3.

1 1/2 MILES

2.19.3—Colooma (Black, 152); Oracle (Needs, 149); Prairie View (Pih, 152); Short head and 2 (4, Nomine Poenae, Chao 152); 3, 10.

2.19.4—First Love (Liang, 152); Prairie View (Pih, 152); Marsh Warbler (Black, 152); 3 and short head (4, The Nineteenth Hole, Hearne 152); 1, 3.

1 1/2 MILES

2.54.1—Distant View (Pih, 152); Oracle (Needs, 151); First Love (Liang, 152); Many and 3 (4, Gay Fox, Davis 152); 2, 8.

1 1/2 MILES

3.25.1—Marsh Warbler (Black, 152); Mountain View (Pih, 152); National Courage (Tao, 152); 24 and many (4, Gay Fox, Poy 152); 4, 7.

AUSTRALIAN SUBS 1941

HALF MILE

51.1—Moonlight (Noodt, 149); Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152); Fresh Air (Ip Kuying, 149); 2 and short head (4, Bendigo, Chao 152); 2, 1.

54.1—Bendemeer (Needs, 152); Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152); Newborn Star (Craven, 152); 2 and 4 (4, High Hat, Poy 149); 2, 9.

6 FURLONGS

1.18.4—United Express (Ip Kuying, 152); Fresh Air (Woo, 149); Newborn Star (Craven, 152); 5 and 4 (4, Optima Fide, Sokoloff 152); 1, 2.

1.19.4—Amulet Star (Craven, 152); Black Seal (Chao, 152); A Surprising Time (Holden, 152); Neck and short head (4, Bugle, Wei 149); 1, 4.

1.19.4—National Welfare (Tao, 152); Happy Returns (Wei, 149); Vitamin M (Black, 152); Head and head (4, Bendemeer, Needs 152); 1, 3.

1.20.2—Maple Leaf (Noodt, 149); Optima Fide (Sokoloff, 152); Fresh Air (Needs, 149); 14 and 3 (4, Harmony Star, Botelho 149); 3, 12.

1 MILE

1.46.1—Black Seal (Needs, 152); The Koala Bear (Tang, 152); Bendigo (Black, 152); 4 and 14 (E. 6).

1.47.4—Corair (Botelho, 149); Bona Vacantia (Lee, 152); Daylight (Wei, 152); 2 and 3 (4, High Hat, Poy 149); 1E 3.

1.47.4—Optima Fide (Chao, 152); Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152); A Rosy Time (Black, 149); 4 and a neck (4, Tobaccochip, Botelho 149); 1E 8.

1.48.0—Manhattan (Hearne, 149); Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150); Endeavour (Wei, 152); 4 and 3 (4, Mainall S.L. Yuen 152); 1, 1E.

1.48.0—Endeavour (Moller, 152); Mainall (S.L. Yuen, 152); A Surprising Time (Black, 149); 14 and 4 (4, Royal Sovereign, Botelho 152); 4, 1.

1.49.3—Jus Gentium (Black, 149); Snow White (Pih, 149); Pearl River (Hearne, 149); 2 and

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W. G. R. Coates, A. D. Spoor, C. Gowland, J. Fraser, (skip); G. Henderson, D. Kossick, J. F. MacGowan, J. V. Ramsey (skip); J. G. R. Humble, R. A. Radford, J. Smith, T. Coleman (skip); R. Purvis, C. E. Turpin, S. Hodge, T. W. Carr (skip).

Reserves—E. L. Starling, W. Barkus, G. E. Cross.

Any of above not able to turn out should please communicate with Mr. T. W. Carr c/o Kowloon Cricket Club, or Telephones 39/262, as early as possible.

It is hoped to arrange further links on the spot and all members of the Association who wish to play will be assured of a game if they turn up.

GLOAMING WINS LINCOLNSHIRE

LONDON, March 27 (Reuter)—Gloaming (100-7) won the Lincolnshire yesterday, three lengths ahead of Gaston (50-1), while Monopole (100-8) was third. There were 19 runners.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

MEETING.—Annual of the Lawn Tennis Association, at the Hongkong Cricket Club, 5.30 p.m.
BADMINTON.—Colony Championships (At. Regrelo). Men's Junior Singles, H.S. Jones v. P. C. Leung, 7 p.m.; N. L. Smith v. P. Wynter-Blyth (8.15 p.m.); A. L. Fisher v. Peter Lo (8.15 p.m.). Men's Senior Singles, Patrick Wong v. D. Kwok (7.30 p.m.). Men's Senior Doubles, P.K. Hui and H.F. Chew v. O. Y. Yung and F. Koh (8.45 p.m.).
RUNNING.—Annual Kowloon Marathon Race from St. Andrew's Church, 5 p.m.
TENNIS.—Colony Championships, at H.K.C.C.

NEW CHINA PONIES

6 FURLONGS

1.20.0—Palber (Chao, 152); Sam's Choice (Black, 149); Won derful Scheme (Sokoloff, 152); 1 and 1 (4, Iron Beauty, Liang 152); 4, 2.

1.23.3—Oolong (Needs, 152); Lovelylight (Noodt, 152); Palber (Chao, 152); 3 and 4 (4, Wonderful Scheme, Craven 152); 1, 3.

1.24.4—Charlesber (Chao, 152); Iron Beauty (Wei, 152); Odeon (Sequeira, 152); 4 and many (4, Eve of Deception, Davis 149); 1E 2.

1 MILE

1.58.1—Velvetlight (Moller, 152); Oolong (Pollock, 152); Charlesber (Chao, 152); 1 and many (4, World Fair View, Pih 152); 4, 10.

1.59.3—World Fair View (Pih, 152);

Palber (Chao, 152); Sam's Choice (Black, 149). Many and a head (4, Iron Beauty, Liang 152); 3, 2.

2.10.4—Colooma (Sokoloff, 159); Velvetlight (Moller, 152); Charlesber (Chao, 152); Short head and many (4, Eve of Paradise, Wood 147); 3, 11.

2.10.1—Sam's Choice (Black, 149); Charlesber (Chao, 152); Iron Beauty (Wei, 152); Short head and 3 (4, Eve of Deception, S.W. Lee 144); 5, 3.

1 1/2 MILES

2.41.0—Velvetlight (Moller, 152); Eve of Deception (Coppin, 150); Raconter (Wei, 152); 3 and many (4, World Fair View, Pih 152); 1, 10.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Schumann — Fantasia in C Major, Op. 17.

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1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Tony Martin (Vocal).

Whistling Gipsy (from "Command Performance"); There's A Gold Mine in the Sky (Kenny) — Primo Scala's Accordion Band w. Vocal. Rhythm of the Waves (Stewart and Others); The Island of Maui Hula (Johnson and Noble) — Tony Martin with Marnie Klein and His Swing-A-Hula. The Whispering Waltz (Dampier, Evans); A Cafe in the Moonlight (Connolly) — Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal.

The Creaking Old Mill on the Creek (Rose and Others) — Tony Martin with Orchestra. Carry On Melodies — Intro: Pack up your troubles; There's a long trail; Take me back to dear old Blyth; It's a long way to Tipperary; Keep the home fires burning; Hello, hello, who's your lady friend? — Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 John Bass (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet in Sex Shanties.

Blow the Man down; Tom's Gone to Hilo (arr. Terry); Agincourt; Here's a Health unto his Majesty; Ten Thousand Miles Away (William); Rio Grande; Billy Boy (arr. Terry); She-andoah (arr. Terry).

2.00 Marcel Palfit at the Organ.

Jan Klepura Film Melodies—Intro: My Song for You; My Heart is Calling; I love them all; My Heart is calling; Tell me Tonight; Musica Frobbita (Castaldini); La Danza (Rossini).

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music.

Waltzes—You Made Me Care; Roses are Blooming in Loveland—The Organ. The Dance Band and Me. Swing Fox-Trots—Make Believe; I'll Always Be in Love With You—Benny Goodman and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—What Goes Up Must Come Down; Don't Worry 'Bout Me (both from "Cotton Club Parade")—Gerald and His Orchestra. Tangos—Che Papusa Oil Noche De Reyes—Gerald & His Gaucho Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Our Love—Jack Hyton and His Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

My Favourites—Intro: Tife Man I Love; Margie; My heart stood still Gulliver's Travels Selection. Hongkong Haggis (Rossborough).

7.40 Studio—Talk on the Rotary Flag Day by His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor.

7.45 Student Songs.

Little Brown Jug; The Three Crows (Eastburn); The Mermaid; Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W.H.M.)—Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano and Chorus. My Old Shako (Barron and Trotter) — Malcolm McEashen (Bass) with Piano. Clementine; Solomon Levi; There's A Tavern in the Town; John Peel — Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) w. Piano and Chorus.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots — The King's Navee; Klondyke Kate—Jack Jackson & His Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—If I Had A Million Dollars; Quickstep—All The Things You Are—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

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3.15 Studio—A Motor Tour Through The Balkans — Talk by Mr. R. E. Sugars.

8.35 Variety.

Orch.—In An Eighteenth Century Drawing Room (Scott)—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra. Vocal—Begin the Beguine (Cole Porter)—The Andrews Sisters with Orchestra. Orch.—Summer Evening in Santa Cruz (Payan and Hartley)—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra. Vocal and Piano — A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square (from "New Faces"); I've Got My Eyes on You (film Broadway Melody of 1940)—Turner Layton. Accordeon Band — Accordeon Nights — Medley — Intro: Changing of the Guard; Consolation You; Home; Rio de Janeiro; When the Rest of the Crowd Goes Home; I Can't Get Mississipp; off my Mind; Lies—Gerald & His Accordeon Band. Vocal—It Had To Be You (Kahn-Jones) — Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay — 'Questions of the Hour'.

9.30 Excerpts from Wagner's 'The Valkyrie'.

Arranged by Leopold Stokowski — Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra with Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) as Wotan.

10.00 London Relay — 'Correspondence Column' by Sidney Horne-blow.

10.15 Tchaikovsky — Symphony No. 8 in B Minor, Op. 74 (The 'Pathetic').

1st Mov. Adagio-Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov. Allegro con grazia; 3rd Mov. Allegro molto vivace; 4th Mov. Adagio lamentoso—Andante — Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitsky.

11.00 Close down.

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Transmission I—News Summary 4.00 p.m.

Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

Transmission V—News Summary 6.45 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

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28—Tides: High 10.06 a.m. and 10.24 p.m. Low 3.34 a.m. and 3.47 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.31 a.m.; Sunset 6.37 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club Games Evening.

8.30.

H.K. Benevolent Society: Annual Meeting, Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s Board Room, 12 noon.

Lawn Tennis Assen. Annual Meeting. H.K.C.C., 5.30 p.m.

Annual Kowloon Marathon Race, 5 p.m.

Cheero Club Sports and Table Tennis.

Annual Meeting of H.K. Telephone Co., Ltd., Exchange Bldg. (2nd floor), 12 noon.

"At Home" University Great Hall, 5.15 p.m.

Dance for Seafarers, S. & S. Home, 9 p.m.

R.A.O.C. Club Anniversary Dinner, Gloucester Hotel, 7.45 p.m.

Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment, A.R.P. Hrs., 5.30 p.m.

First Aid Practical Lessons, S.C.M. Post Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

"Way of the Cross" Cathedral Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

First Aid Film at Queen's College, 5.30 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.C.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

29—Tides: High 10.27 a.m. and 10.37 p.m. Low 4.04 a.m. and 4.27 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.20 a.m.; Sunset 6.37 p.m.

Claims against estate of Rev. J. C. Mackay due.

Second Extra Meeting, H.K. Jockey Club.

H.K.F.C. Annual Dinner, Hongkong Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

Rotary Club Flag Day.

Kowloon Cricket Club 'Rance, 9.15 p.m.

30—Tides: High 10.44 a.m. and 11.34 p.m. Low 4.33 a.m. and 5.07 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.18 a.m.; Sunset 6.33 p.m.

Joint Vocal Recital, Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, 9.15 p.m.

31—Tides: High 11.01 a.m. Low 4.38 a.m. and 5.48 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.17 a.m.; Sunset 6.33 p.m.

Annual Meeting of H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2 Queen's Road Central, noon.

St. Andrew's Fellowship of Youth Meeting, 6.15 p.m.

Full Bulletin 7.00 p.m.

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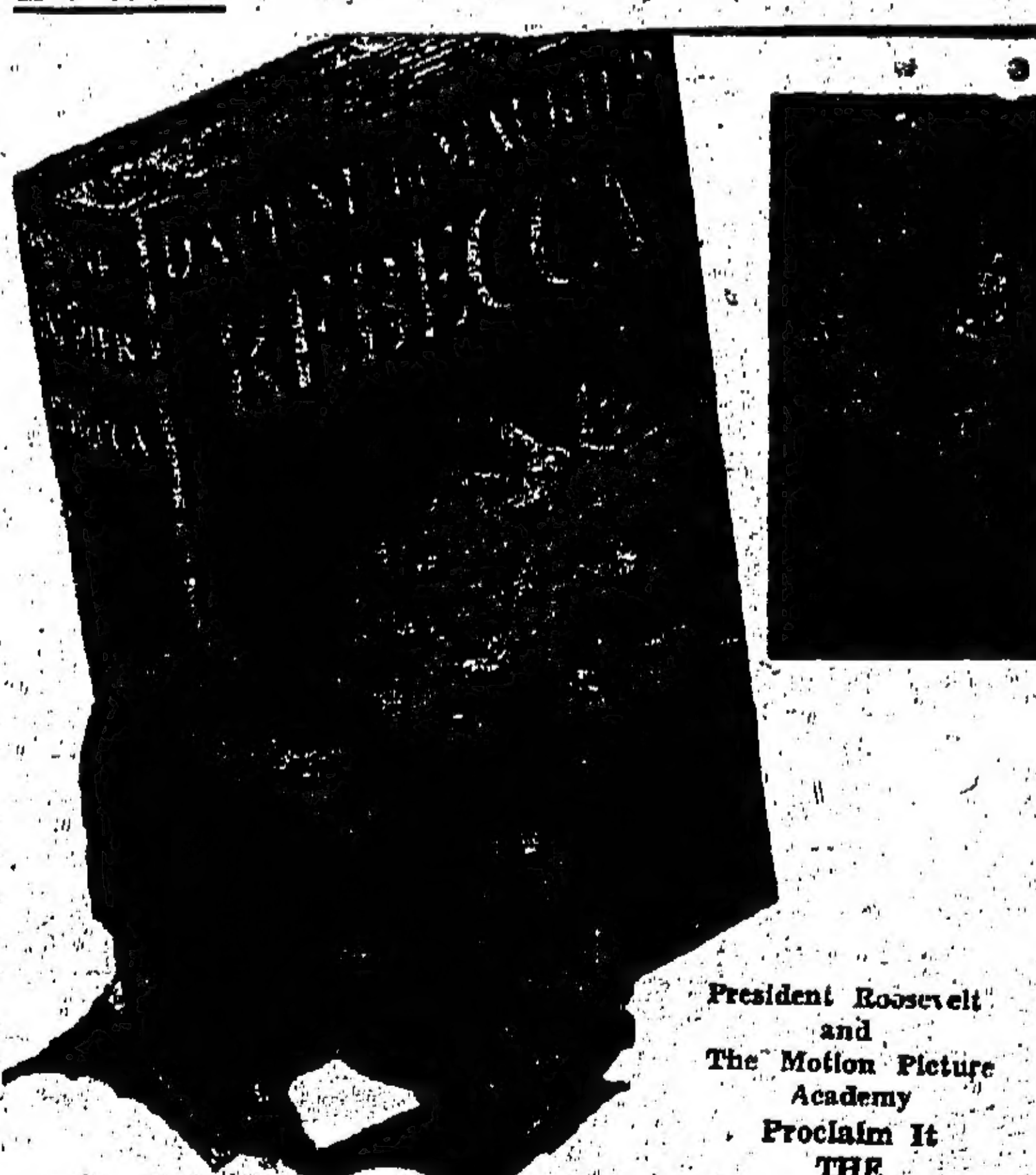
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Serious Riots Break Out In Yugoslavia

HUGE PROTEST DEMONSTRATION IN MAIN STREET OF BELGRADE

BUDAPEST, March 27 (Reuter)—Yugoslav popular feeling against adherence to the Axis Pact found expression in a huge demonstration of protest in the main street of Belgrade yesterday. Students marched arm in arm, singing national and patriotic songs. There was violent quarrelling among the onlookers. Blows were exchanged and plain clothes police, with whom the city has been filled, immediately intervened and took a number of people into custody.

Even school-children in Belgrade participated in the protests. Hitler's portrait was burned at schools and the portrait of the boy King Peter was framed with red carnations.

More serious rioting also occurred at Banyaluma, where 14 people were killed. Rioting also occurred at Skopje last night and this morning all telephone lines with Belgrade were cut.

Radio Belgrade last night represented the reaction to Yugoslavia's adherence to the Pact as "favourable throughout the country." This presumably reflects the Yugoslav Government's views.

"SATISFACTION" "In Slovenia satisfaction is expressed at the fact that Yugoslavia's independence will not be infringed," said the announcer. "In south Serbia some uneasiness was felt at first but this was dispelled since it was learned that no German troops are to pass through Yugoslav territory."

"In Bosnia there was similar relief and in Sarajevo general content reigns at the assurance that

the country is not being dragged into the war," he concluded.

MANY DISTURBANCES Demonstrations continued in Belgrade last night, says a message from the Yugoslav capital received in New York, as well as in many other parts of the country.

Demonstrators in Belgrade are demanding a Yugoslav understanding with the Soviet. The police are making repeated attempts to restore order.

Reports reaching Belgrade reveal that demonstrations are occurring at Sarajevo, Ragusa, Lubiana and Valavo.

IMPASSIONED PLEA LONDON, March 27 (Reuter)—An impassioned appeal to the Yugoslav people was made over the air by the Secretary for India, Mr. L. S. Amery, last night.

"It is not too late," he explained, urging them to keep their national spirit alive. It was the duty of the Yugoslav Government before the Pact was ratified to consult their people, who regarded the signing of the Pact as a betrayal of honour and independence.

"What will be your position when Britain has won as she will win?" asked Mr. Amery.

"Even Hitler cannot prevail against England and America together," he said.

BRITAIN'S LAST WORD LONDON, March 27 (Reuter)—Britain's last word to the Yugoslav Government before the latter signed the Axis Pact was disclosed in a text by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Mr. R. A. Butler) in the House of Commons yesterday.

When signature of the Pact appeared imminent, the British Minister in Belgrade sent a note to the Yugoslav Government, indicating that Britain had been led to believe emphatically that no action could or would be taken capable of harming or making serious difficulties for nations upholding a cause which, she was assured, the Yugoslav people regarded as their own.

"The British Government, therefore, are shocked to learn that Yugoslavia now suddenly contemplates signature to the agreement whereby she will not only abandon her neutral attitude but will enter the very system of Britain's enemies."

PAST HISTORY "If such an agreement is concluded, the British Government is bound to point out that in the light of recent history, the Yugoslav people will almost certainly be drawn more deeply into that system as time goes on."

"The history of the past 18 months has shown how little Germany scruples to honour the assurances that she gives."

Mr. Butler continued that responsibility for the results of their present decision rests with the Yugoslav Government.

BELGIAN ENVOY TO CHINA CHUNGKING, Mar. 27 (Central)—M. L. Scheyven, Counsellor of the Belgian Embassy, who returned here on Wednesday following a trip to Peiping and Shanghai, called on Dr. Hsu Mo, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, and other government officials yesterday morning.

According to M. L. Scheyven, Baron J. Guillaume, the Belgian Ambassador, is returning to Chungking shortly.

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CHINESE FORCES ENTER KAOAN KAOAN, March 27 (Central)—Following the recapture of Chuan-kong, Tuen-cheng, Chukiang, Ewel-fow, Shih-towkai and other strategic points in northern Kiangsi, Chinese forces on Wednesday evening smashed their way into Kaoan and reoccupied the city. The Japanese abandoned more than 2,000 dead and large quantities of arms.

Besides dispatching crack units to pursue the fleeing Japanese, the Chinese authorities are instituting immediate relief and rehabilitation measures in Kaoan.

Meanwhile, as a result of the mop-up operations carried out by the Chinese during the past few days, the Chukiang-Tuehng area is now cleared of Japanese stragglers. The main Chinese force is pushing vigorously toward Nanchang.

Large-Scale Japanese Naval Manoeuvres CHUNGKING, Mar. 27 (Central)—According to a Shanghai dispatch quoting the Shanghai Evening and Mercury, the Japanese military authorities there recently issued an order forbidding foreigners to book passages on steamships to be lost from Mar. 20 to Apr. 10, while that for airplanes from March 26 to April 9. The reason for the ban, it is understood, is that the Japanese Navy will shortly hold large-scale manoeuvres in the Szechuan Naval Base.

MATSUOKA'S MESSAGE TO THE NAZIS

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—Japan will not lag behind Germany in courage and determination to establish the world on a basis of the New Order.

This assurance was given by Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in a message to the German nation last night, according to the German news agency.

Mr. Matsuoka added: "The ideal, which is dear to the Japanese above all things, is embodied in Nakho Ichio, that harmonious world community with room for all nations in which they can realise their wishes and fulfil their missions."

"That ideal," he added, "was the basis of the Tripartite Pact."

DECORATED STREETS LONDON, March 27 (Reuter)—Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, and many other Nazi leaders and diplomats, including Yugoslavia's representative, were at the station to welcome Mr. Matsuoka to Berlin.

The station was specially decorated and the military Guard of Honour was mounted.

Herr von Ribbentrop later drove with Mr. Matsuoka through specially decorated streets to the Bellevue Palace which will be Mr. Matsuoka's headquarters during his stay in Berlin.

BRITISH OPPOSITION LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in an interview with the German newspaper Angriff, is reported by the German radio as stating: "Britain and the United States will always oppose Japan's constructive work in the Far East."

"Japan is, therefore, on Germany's side. We want nothing from the Americans and we leave them in peace. They should follow our example and leave us in peace in Asia."

The interview is stated to have taken place in the train taking the Japanese Foreign Minister to Berlin.

LUFTWAFFE ATTACK WEST ENGLAND LONDON, March 27 (Reuter)—Enemy aircraft, operating singly over the southern half of England, dropped bombs last night. Little damage was done though several houses in West England were destroyed and industrial buildings in two southern towns were damaged.

Casualties were nowhere large, though some were killed, according to an Air Ministry communique. Two raiders were destroyed.

TRIPOLI RAIDED R.A.F. bombers raided Tripoli on the night of March 24 and caused fires, followed by explosions among Government buildings and in the harbour.

Aerodromes at Scarpanto and Calato and shipping at Astropalla Island in the Dodecanese were bombed and machine-gunned yesterday. A number of German aircraft on the ground at Scarpanto were severely damaged. A merchant ship received a direct hit and was machine-gunned. Other damage was caused at Calato.

MALTA ATTACKED Enemy aircraft, attempted to dive-bomb the harbour at Malta but no serious damage or casualties resulted. Slight damage was done to civilian property.

One Junkers 88 was shot down by anti-aircraft fire and others were damaged.

From all these operations, one aircraft returned safely.

British Rushing Materials For Next Assault On Keren

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—While the R. A. F. and artillery continue to hammer the Italians on peaks around and in Keren itself, supply and maintenance services are rushing material to the front in preparation for the next assault, writes Reuter's Special correspondent on the Keren front.

Despite vigorous Italian counter-attacks the British troops are well able to hold the positions taken during the advance at the end of last week, and patrols are sent each night along the slopes of heights still held by the enemy.

Counter-attacks are becoming increasingly costly to the Italians and the boulder-covered slopes leading to Fort Delogorodoc are strewn with bodies left by the enemy after each of their nine attempts to recapture their positions.

In one of two attacks on Monday night the Italians used three tanks and an armoured car.

One tank is believed to have been knocked out. The others retired.

BRIDGES BOMBED CAIRO, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—Many raids on enemy positions in support of the successful military operations in Eritrea and Abyssinia were carried out by R.A.F. aircraft on Wednesday.

Keren was again persistently attacked. Several tons of bombs were dropped during the day.

The railway between Addis Ababa and Dire-dawa was heavily and successfully bombed. Trains, railway stations and bridges were damaged. Motor transport on the road was also bombed and machine-gunned.

Free French aircraft raided an enemy encampment 20 miles north of Gondar. Bombs fell amongst the buildings and transports.

GOVERNMENT SEAT TRANSFERRED VIOHY, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—The capital of Lithuania is to be transferred from Kaunas to Jilne (Vila) according to a message from Moscow to the Vichy news agency.

This has been decided by the Council of Commissioners of the people of Lithuania. The transfer will be completed by Sept. 1.

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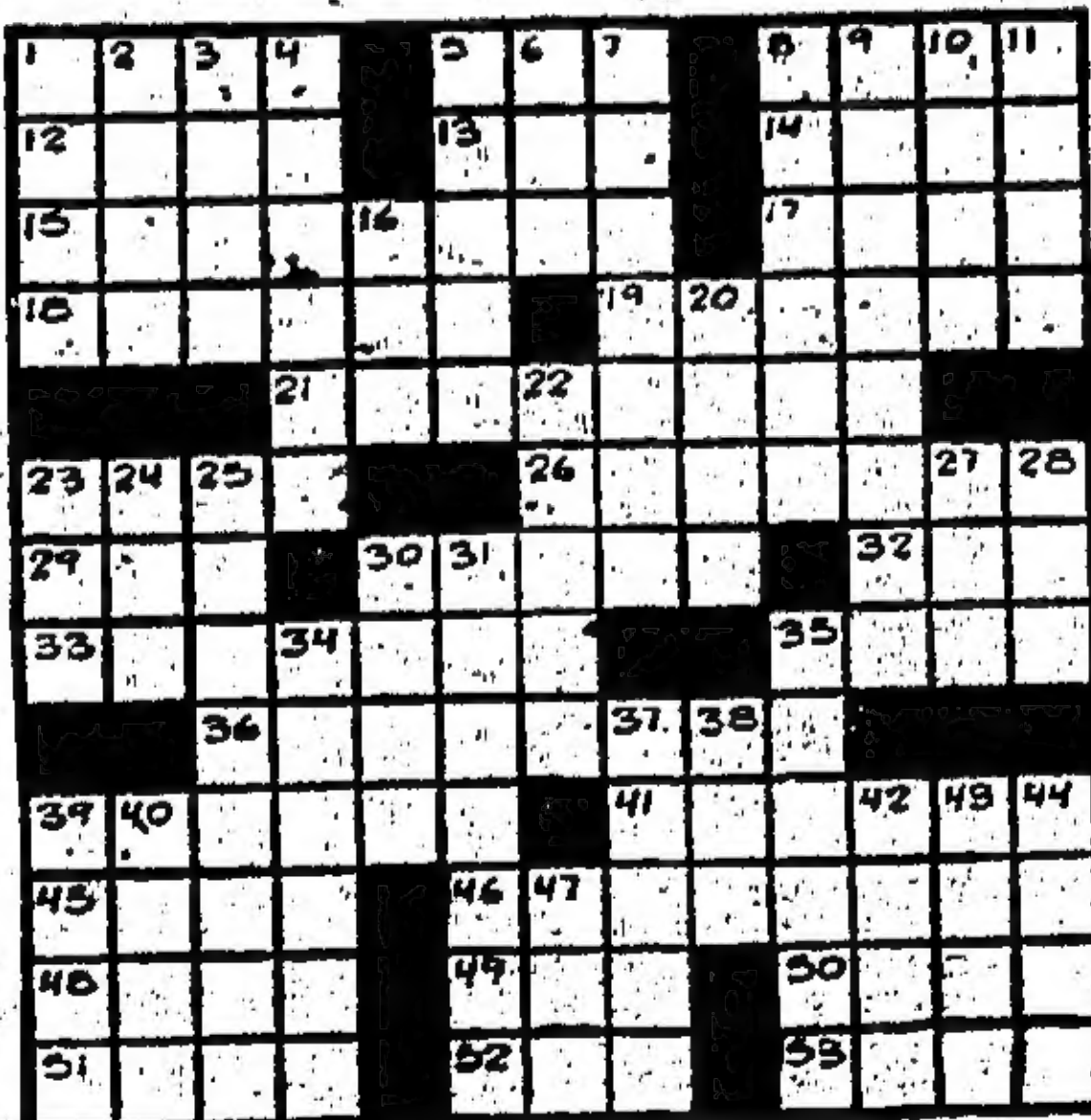
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K.R.A. Protest Against Abolishing Maternity Wards At Kowloon Hospital

The protest against the abolishing of maternity wards for first and second class patients at Kowloon Hospital was the chief subject of discussion when the new General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association met recently in St. Andrew's Hall.

Those present were: Mr. D. W. Munton, President; Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews, Vice-President; Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, Hon. Secretary; Mr. H. Braga, Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Jr., Miss E. M. Gibbins, Mr. L. R. Idefonso, Dr. S. G. Kirby-Gomes, Mr. Lam Ming-fan, Major C. M. Manners, Mr. R. Pestonji, Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, Mr. R. J. Shirley, Mr. D. O. Silver, Dr. J. T. Smalley, Mr. C. E. Terry, Mr. B. Wylie and Mr. Yeung Tun Tat. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. H. Wong, Mrs. H. F. Phillips, Mr. A. da Silva and Rev. H. A. Wittenbach.

Among the items referred to the Sub-Committees for investigation and report, were the matters brought up at the annual general meeting. These included the need for steps to be taken which would tend to greater safety from fire with regard to the old type of tenement houses, the feasibility of installing the hush sanitary system in every house in Kowloon, the alleged encroachment of factories in residential areas, the unsuitable location of certain offensive trades, and the allegation that some of the Air Raid shelters had not been properly constructed.

Some traffic complaints were also mentioned, and were handed over to the Sub-Committee concerned to be dealt with.

MATERNITY WARDS

One of the questions brought up at the annual meeting, however, was discussed forthwith and received considerable attention. This was the matter of the maternity wards for first and second class patients in the Kowloon Hospital, where private medical practitioners have hitherto been allowed to attend their own patients, being temporarily abolished.

Subsequent to the annual meeting, a letter was received from the Hon. Director of Medical Services, in which he explained that the proposal was in connection with the better utilisation of hospital facilities at that Hospital during the period of emergency and the continuance of the compulsory evacuation scheme. The very few maternity cases, which have been accommodated in these private wards since the evacuation, could be admitted to equally satisfactory, not superior, accommodation in the Queen Mary Hospital, one ward being reserved for the very few emergencies likely to occur.

A REAL NEED

In the course of the discussion it was pointed out that these eight private wards for maternity cases have proved a boon to many a Kowloon mother and child during

the past seven or eight years, and Government long ago recognised that there was a real need for granting the facility attached to them, that of permitting the patient's own doctor attending her throughout her confinement. It was only to be expected that fewer maternity cases have been accommodated in these wards since the evacuation of British women in July last, but everyone hopes that this evacuation will be temporary, and nobody can say how soon these women of Kowloon will be back in their homes again.

It was the general opinion at the Committee meeting that it is unwise and unjustifiable to make any drastic change regarding these wards, and, in any case, the reservation of one ward only for emergency cases is far from adequate, even during the present evacuation, as there are still a very large number of women, including Chinese, who have not been evacuated, and who can afford to and would avail themselves of the facilities referred to.

NEGLECTIBLE RELIEF

The total number of beds contained in all these private maternity wards is eight, and it is obvious that any relief of the congestion in other wards, which the use of any or all of them could afford, is negligible.

It was suggested that instead of the maternity patients being sent to the Queen Mary Hospital, it would be more logical to send the excess patients in the women's general wards over there. These latter cases could travel to Queen Mary Hospital with little risk and at no extra expense to themselves; on the other hand, the removal of expectant mothers, who can take no risks, may in some cases have to be carried out well in advance of the expected date of delivery, and would thus entail very great expense. Nor would it be easy for private practitioners, resident in Kowloon, to be present at the Queen Mary Hospital when their patients most needed their services. Some practicable suggestions for coping with the congestion in the female general wards were also mentioned.

It was unanimously decided by the General Committee that, as the advantages (if any) to be gained by carrying out the proposal of the Hon. Director of Medical Services, are so out of proportion to the disadvantages and possible dangers involved, not to mention the great resentment, which would be felt by Kowloon residents, representations should be made to him urging that he would give the matter further careful consideration.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

POSSESSION OF WARD

Pleading ignorance of the regulations, Ng Fung-shall, 57, charged with failing to report the possession of a 19-year-old ward named Wai Sau-chan, alias Ng Mei-chan, before Sept. 24, 1938, was fined \$20 by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday.

Insp. H.W. Fraser of the S.C.A. said that the girl, a dance hostess, came to the S.C.A. on March 25, stating that she wanted to be freed from defendant, who was her adopted father, because of the latter's violent temper.

According to her, Insp. Fraser said, she was sold to defendant by her grandmother in 1927 for \$500 and was brought here on August 15, 1937.

CASE REMANDED

Au Kong, 23, unemployed, was remanded by Mr. Lowry yesterday for 24 hours on a charge of selling ice cream at Hollywood Road, near Po Yan Street, on March 25, without permission from the Urban Council, which offence is a breach of the Cholera Regulations.

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Charged with unlawful possession of 2,000 Lerojin pills at Praya West off Shaukwan Theatre on March 28, Wong Chi, 23, unemployed, of No. 147, Nam On Fong, first floor, was remanded for a week by Major A.N. Macfadyen yesterday.

Sgt. W. L. Kinloch is in charge of the case.

FALSE PRETENCES

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed by Major Macfadyen yesterday on Chung Lap-hing, 38, travelling trader, of No. 51, Sai Yeung Choi Street, second floor, charged with stealing money and articles to the value of \$4.05 by false pretences. Defendant was also ordered to repay complainant the sum of \$4.05 or serve a further three months.

Sgt. Kinloch was in charge of the prosecution.

HEARING FIXED

Hearing of the case in which Tong Tak-wah, 42, is charged with larceny of \$4,000 from the Fook Cheung Wo firm, of which he was a partner, was fixed for April 18 at 11 a.m. by Mr. Lowry yesterday. Defendant will be represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, while Mr. M. A. da Silva is appearing for the prosecution and Det.-Sgt. W. Summers for the Police.

DAIRY FARM THEFT

Chow Wing-chuen, 34, a former employee of the East Point Branch of the Dairy Farm, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday for stealing approximately \$800 worth of fillet beef from the Company between March 1 and Aug. 31 last year.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay, assisted by Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley, was for the prosecution, while defendant was represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland, who pleaded guilty.

It was stated that defendant was employed by the Company as a clerk. It was alleged that from time to time defendant requested certain of the coolies there in assisting to take goods out of the cold storage during tiffin hour, giving the reason that they were required by a compradore shop. These goods were put on a trolley and pushed down to the waterfront, where they were taken on board a waiting sampan.

AT KOWLOON

SNATCHER IMPRISONED

Six weeks' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday on Lau Shing, 17, for snatching a handbag from a married woman, Chun Ki at Gordon Road, near Shanghai Street.

It was stated that about 4.10 p.m. on Wednesday Chu was walking along Gordon Road, when defendant and six others came up and one of them knocked down the handbag from complainant's hand. Defendant picked it up and ran.

Sgt. Cochrane, who happened to be on the scene, gave chase, and arrested accused.

BLACK-OUT OFFENCES

More than 20 black-out offences from the Yau-mat and Shamshui districts during the recent

Amateurish And Clumsy

EXTORTION CASE CONCLUDES

Judgment was delivered by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the case in which Pun Man-cheuk, 27, and Cheung Shu, 44, were charged with threatening Wong Kwai, 57, master of the Ying Fat Loong, No. 25, Connaught Road West, with intent to cause him to pay \$3,000.

First defendant was fined \$250 or two months' hard labour, while second defendant was discharged.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada, represented both defendants, while the prosecution was conducted by Mr. M. A. da Silva, Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley was present for the Police.

THE JUDGMENT

In the course of his judgment, Mr. Sheldon said:

"In this case, in my opinion, the evidence has brought home the fact that first defendant did on Dec. 6 last, in an amateurish and clumsy manner, attempt to obtain \$3,000 from complainant."

"I reject the evidence put up by first defendant. I do not believe Mr. Wong has ever had anything to do with him whatsoever. Equally I disbelieve the second theory of the defence that defendant mistook Mr. Wong for someone whom he had those dealings."

As regards second defendant, if he took part in this matter at all, it was a minor part and the evidence against him being uncorroborated, I do not think it safe to convict."

black-out exercises were heard before Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

All accused were summoned for failing to observe lights properly. Fines ranging from \$2 to \$10 were imposed.

FIREWOOD DEALERS FINED

Summoned for selling firewood at a price higher than that fixed by the Government, Chan Lo-chuen, of a firewood shop at Canton Road was fined \$40 by Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

It was stated that defendant sold 25 catties firewood for a dollar, whereas the fixed price was 40 catties per dollar.

Facing similar charge, Kang Yip-woo was also fined \$40. Defendant sold 27 catties for a dollar.

UNLICENSED FOOD HAWKERS

For selling cooked food without a licence, Chan Yun, 22, was fined \$5 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday.

Hu King, 58, married woman, and Leung Mui, 28, were charged with selling cakes without licence. Hu was fined \$2, while Leung was fined \$5.

Inspector Old, of the Sanitary Department, prosecuted.

WILD TREE WOOD

Ng Chan, 27, and Cheung Chan-kee, 71, were separately charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday with possession of wild tree wood.

First defendant had in his possession 1,500 catties, while second accused had 2,000 catties. Both defendants were remanded and granted \$25 bail each. They will be represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo.

CONFISCATION ORDER

An application for the confiscation of a jar and four bottles of nitric acid, unmanifested cargo, found on a ship was made before Mr. Anderson yesterday by Sgt. Morris.

Application was granted.

MURDER HEARING FIXED

Hearing was fixed for April 2 by Mr. Anderson yesterday of the case in which Bawa Singh, 65, private watchman, was charged with the murder of a woman at Hutchison on March 3.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, assistant Crown Solicitor, will appear for the prosecution.

D. O. SOUTH

FISH DEALER FINED

A fine of \$25, in default three weeks' hard labour, was imposed on a fish dealer named Lim Cheung, 34, at the District Court, South, yesterday when he pleaded guilty before Mr. S. F. Ballantyne to possession of 51 gallons of Chinese wine at Hing Lung back Street, Cheung Chau, on which the duty had not been paid.

EXPULSION ORDER

An expulsion order against Li San, 30, was issued by the District Officer, South, yesterday. He was charged with unlawful possession of wild tree wood.

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CHINESE "Y" LECTURE

The third of a series of eleven lectures on music was given at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road, yesterday, when Mr. Sik Pang-kee (Miss Lai Chun-wah) spoke on "Key Board Instrumental Music". There was a large audience, many school children helping crowd the auditorium. The talks have been arranged by the Y.M.C.A. for the benefit of music students, and there is a charge for admittance. The next lecture, to be given on Monday, March 31, will be by Mr. Chiu But-wai, who will speak on "String Instrumental Music".

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MONTHLY REPORT OF H.K.S.P.C.

Continued Increase In Expenses

At the monthly Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hong-kong Society for the Protection of Children, held on March 20, the Case Report showed 280 new cases, involving 378 children, had attended the Society's Centres. During the month, 6,427 visits had been made to the Centres by persons needing assistance.

The Finance Report showed an expenditure of \$3,168 for the month of February, the continued increase in expenses being due to the higher price of milk and other necessities.

It was reported that an unwanted baby girl of two months had been placed in the B.C.M.B. at Fanling. Two orphan boys aged nine and seven respectively had been accommodated at the King's Park Camp, and another of twelve years sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital for medical treatment prior to being placed in the Bethel Mission.

The Society was also instrumental, on behalf of a member of the public, in arranging for three boys to be admitted to the St. Louis Industrial School where, in due course, they will be taught a trade.

Mr. C. G. Sallis, Chairman, attended a welcome to Dr. Graham Cumming who had accepted an invitation to serve on the Committee.

THOSE PRESENT

Those present at the meeting were, Mr. C. G. Sallis (Chairman),

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Central authorities will appropriate \$10,000,000 for the development of agriculture and forestry in various provinces in Free China, according to General Chan Chai-tong, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

General Chan will shortly leave for the North-west on an inspection tour. He will pay particular attention to the reclamation projects in the border regions there. He revealed that Bureaux of Agriculture and Forestry will be established in various provinces. The Ministry at present is paying close attention to agricultural experiments. On the basis of the results, agricultural improvement will be made.

He said that a marked increase in food products has been reported from various provinces. (Central News).

Mr. A. J. Arculli, Major D. Brazier, Miss N. E. Elliott, Rev. Father Guarona, Mr. A. McKellar, Mr. Kwok Chan, Mrs. Graham Cumming, Mrs. G. I. Angus, Dr. Lee Ha Liang, Hon. Mr. Li Tse Fong, Miss Shih Tak-hing, Mr. L. D. Skinner and Dr. Graham Cumming.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Asholl MacGregor, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. Sir Robert Kotewall, Mrs. Pearson Grant, Mr. G. V. Boxer, Mr. J. T. Smalley, Hon. Mr. M. R. L. Mr. J. M. Noronha, Mr. W. A. Jones and Mr. F. P. Frank.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Notice to Shareholders

The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941 both days inclusive.

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General Managers,

24th March, 1941.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3RD APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 31st day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, Tytam Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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By order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTON, Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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AID FOR CHINA

IN VIEW of President Roosevelt's sweeping action to help the democracies—and in naming those meriting such help he emphasised China—the report which Mr. Laughlin Currie, the President's representative who made a visit to Chungking for the sole purpose of studying the Chinese Government's financial position, has now presented, is of the greatest interest. Although Mr. Currie gave no hint before he left China of what impressions he had formed from his visit, it was clear, even at that time, that there was no doubt in his mind of the righteousness of the cause for which she was fighting and the few details of his report which he made to the President have confirmed that view. In short, his recommendations took the form of a two-point plan to supply China's requirements and it is a tribute to the far-sightedness and the vision which he displayed during his stay in China's wartime capital that he was able to gauge so well that, while Japan's aggression was nearing the point of exhaustion, the needs of the Chinese, which he termed "magnificently brief," could best be reinforced by the supply of a number of flying fortresses, which, in Mr. Currie's opinion, would enable China to deal a final and shattering blow to Japan's war effort.

THIS VIEW is, in itself, evidence of the confidence of the American people not only in the justice of China's cause and of her ability to fight back untiringly until the Japanese are driven from her territories, but that the United States, as the arsenal of democracy, recognises that the Chinese are themselves striking a blow for that cause of securing liberty for the whole world and for which the entire resources of America have now been mobilised in order that this object may be achieved with her help. China, therefore, like Britain and her allies, can now face the trials that lie ahead of her with even greater confidence than that which so impressed Mr. Currie. With his usual ability to grasp the value of the report which his representative has brought back, President Roosevelt will see to it that China's requirements are fully met.

RENT RACKET

COMMENTING in these columns yesterday on the laissez faire attitude which the people and the Government in this Colony have adopted towards alleviating the appalling social conditions which prevail here, we stated that in several instances delayed action by official quarters to prevent the burden of hardship, which the poorer working classes are enduring, being increased was a contributory factor to the prevailing poverty and misery in the city. Support for this contention has been furnished by the exposure by members of the staff of this paper

LONDON NEWS LETTER:

MOVE TO CONCENTRATE PRODUCTION IN BRITAIN: BUDGET PROBLEMS

"It is a commonplace nowadays to say that war is a young man's job. It is held that though Napoleon may have fought his campaigns with veterans the instruments of modern war are for the young man," said SIR FREDERICK WHYTE, K.C.S.I., and former Political Adviser to the Chinese National Government, when he broadcast from London on Wednesday night.

Sir Frederick said that after listening to two speeches which were made this week by Sir Archibald Sinclair and Lord Beaverbrook, two ministers most concerned with Britain's air war, one could not help feeling that both of them had the spirit of younger men, in spite of their years.

TRIBUTE TO SCIENTISTS

Lord Beaverbrook was past sixty, but there were many men still in the flower of youth who did not possess his energy. A feature of his speech was not so much his tribute to the young men who were fighting Britain's air battle so gallantly, but his pointed reminder of the work done by men whose names never appear in the press and whose work would have passed unnoticed if he had not spoken of them and it was meant to give some publicity from the men of the air to the men of science.

"This shows that our air war is not only being carried on by young men," said Sir Frederick, "and the debate in Parliament brings the same reminder as far as the National Service Bill is concerned. This bill has the same claim on man-power as the fighting services now possess, but civil defence will now rank with the army navy and air force as national service."

CIVIL NEEDS

Sir Frederick stated that the only way to supply the needs of civil defence was to make it an obligation on war service as for others. There were thus two measures now which might raise a debate in the House of Commons soon—one was the budget and the other was the concentration of production.

Referring to the bill for the concentration of production, Sir Frederick said it was a common-sense measure, but it was sure

of various ramps which are being permitted to flourish in the Colony and which drastic action taken in time might well have prevented. Some form of action, belated though it has been, is now being set in operation to curb the more serious of these illegal activities—small mercies for which the community is indeed truly thankful.

HAVING made this start, it is now not too much to hope that the Government will set about using the big stick to check the rent racket, details of which appeared in yesterday's issue of this paper and which is fast spreading to practically every Chinese-owned property in Hongkong. That the Government is aware, to some extent of the particularly abnoxious forms of squeeze which landlords have, for some years been imposing on their tenants, is clear from the fact that an ordinance to prevent tenants being evicted on unreasonable grounds was introduced and has met with some measure of success. But the continued levy of what is blandly called "tea money" from intending tenants is surely a flagrant breach of the law. It is impossible to see how unscrupulous landlords can be allowed to make this demand on people as a condition to letting their property, particularly when the demand made amounts to two or three months rent to which he is not entitled. Is there any reason why this iniquitous demand, with its many ramifications of commissions and tips, cannot be made a punishable offence?

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set critical tongues wagging in the House of Commons.

The move to bring about concentration of production arose from two causes—the withdrawal of labour from the civil or fighting services for factories and the fact that these factories found their markets reduced by rationing or reduced output.

"There are hundreds of factories not working today and not using all their plant," went on Sir Frederick. "Those which were normally making fabrics for civil clothes are now making uniforms, but there are still some factories which are employed on civil work and which are short of work."

ECONOMICAL BASIS

"There is, therefore, a reason for concentration of these needs and it means that others will be able to work on the best economical basis. We can answer our critics best by saying that those factories not needed for civil work can be used for war production, because though many of them are unsuited for war production they can be readily adapted to it."

"This concentration of war production must take place," continued Sir Frederick. "Some say that the plan is as bad as Nazi regimentation itself and others that it is the thin end of the wedge of socialism."

Sir Frederick declared that it must not be forgotten that the war was changing the average life of the country. The average man took these changes in his stride and he saw nothing wrong in it. There would, however, be many smags to be overcome before this new move could be set going.

THE BUDGET

Sir Frederick next referred to the coming budget. The difficulty about this, he said, was that it was one measure that went before the House and about which nothing was known before-hand.

"You know what the Chancellor's problem is," said Sir Frederick. "It is to balance his income and expenditure by a form of economy called taxation and in that other form which is money loaned to the Government."

"What the ordinary man wants to know is how far the national income has increased—and it has increased—and whether the Chancellor will try to tax those who receive the most of this increase."

"Thus there seems to be a new reservoir of money into which the Chancellor can dip his budget. In every railway carriage today you hear people say 'If I am Sir Kingsley Wood I would take a rake off from wages,' but the Treasury holds that it is not always wise to collect small sums from the people. There is no likelihood therefore of any further taxation."

"In February we saved and loaned to the Government about £28,000,000, and about the same amount in taxation was paid to the Treasury. Even when these two sums were added together, they only paid for about five days of the war out of seven, leaving expenditure of the other two days to be met somehow."

"Many other governments in such a case would have resorted to turning out more and more paper money, but that would be inflation and that is one thing which we are trying to avoid."

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PRETTY CHINESE WEDDING AT ST. PAUL'S



Mr. L. C. Lau and Miss W. I. Fok

A pretty wedding took place at St. Paul's Church yesterday afternoon when Miss Fok Woon-in, eleventh daughter of the late Mr. Fok Chi-ting and Mrs. Fok of No. 82, Robinson Road, became the bride of Mr. Lau Lung-cheung, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lau Wing of No. 96, Causeway Bay, Hongkong.

The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Paul S. F. T'so and the St. Paul's girls' choir were in attendance.

The bride looked charming on the arm of her brother Mr. Fok Po-choi (assistant manager of the Bank of Canton). In a gown of white french satin, cut on a princess line with a high neck and long tight sleeves. Instead of the conventional orange blossoms for her head she wore a halo made of satin which held her long tulle veil in place, and carried a sheaf of arm lilies and maiden-hair fern.

THE BRIDESMAIDS
The bridesmaids Misses, Elsie Wong and Yu Kwai-tsu wore frocks of pink taffeta cut with a coat effect with a full flare skirt and short puff sleeves and carried sheaves of pink roses and mauve larkspur.

Little Miss Fok Wun-yu, niece of the bride, was flower girl, and wore a rose taffeta frock. Master Wei was pageboy and wore a suit of black chiffon velvet with a white satin blouse.

The bridegroom who is connected with the Central Bank of China was attended by Messrs. David K. I. Lau and Robert K. C. Wu.

The reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel where many friends gathered to congratulate the newly-weds. A dinner took place at the Kam Loong Restaurant last night.

The honeymoon is to be spent in Manila.

SIX WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

Six marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiating. The parties were:—

Mr. Dickson Mo Yiu-chen, merchant, of No. 15 Kam Wah Street, second floor, and Miss Alice So Fong-yeung, of No. 40 Tung Street, second floor.

Mr. Leung Mo-fun, health inspector, of No. 3 Tung Feng Street, second floor, and Miss Tam Lai-ping, of No. 7 Wing Wo Street.

Mr. William Kang Po-choi, meter tester, of No. 384, Prince Edward Road, second floor, and Miss Wang Min-fong, of No. 72 Thomson Road, first floor.

Mr. Lee Yu-kwong, clerk, of No. 43A Queen's Road East, and Miss Kan Wai-chi, of No. 56 Queen's Road East.

Mr. Eng Yan-kung, merchant, of No. 153 Prince Edward Road, and Miss Chia Sau-lin, of No. 722 Nathan Road.

Mr. Lee Thin-ark, merchant, of No. 29 Boundary Street, and Miss Chin Yot-thay, of No. 115 Lai-chi-kok Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The forthcoming marriage which is to take place at Shanghai was announced at the Registry yesterday, of Mr. William Drysdale Brown, merchant, of No. 21 Han-kow Road, and Miss Tamara Afan-

Estate Duty Amendment Bill Passed

A Bill to amend further the Estate Duty Ordinance, 1932, as amended by the Estate Duty Amendment Ordinance, 1938, was read a third time and passed at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon. The business of the meeting lasted about three minutes.

The report of the Finance Committee (No. 12), dated March 20, 1941, was adopted.

Present at the meeting were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote (President), Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith), Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster), Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North), Financial Secretary (Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong and Mr. T. Megarry (Clerk of Councils).

CHINESE PRESS REVIEWED

Registered Chinese papers published in China number 555, according to Mr. Peng Keh-chen, Director of the News Section of the Central Publicity Board.

These exclude those papers published by various military units, schools and other organisations which have a limited circulation.

Hunan claims the largest number of registered papers, being 64. Szechwan ranks second with 56 and Chekiang occupies the third place with 50. Sinkiang, Chinghai (Kokonor) and Ninghsia have each only one paper. Chungking, the wartime capital, has 11.

The papers are either printed in type, or lithographed or mimeographed. Owing to the shortage of imported newsprint, native newsprint is now used by most of the papers.

In places where there are no regular papers daily news broadcast by the Central News Agency are picked up by provincial or hsin radio stations, lithographed or mimeographed and distributed. Altogether 212 radio stations scattered in the provinces of Szechwan, Honan, Kweichow, Sikuang, Hunan, Kiangsi, Anhwei, Fukien, Chekiang, Kansu, Shantung, Yunnan, Hupeh, Kwangtung, Hopel, Shanai, Shensi, Ninghsia, Chinghai and Sulyuan, are undertaking this task.

There are about 110 war correspondents in various war zones and enemy "occupied" areas. They perform their duties often amidst great danger.—(Central News).

anlevna, Yulabko-Karsakaya, nee Shalagin, of Apt. No. 3, House No. 1, Rue Desallan, Shanghai.

Other forthcoming weddings announced were:—

Mr. David Eric Kemode, naval officer, of No. 25A Grosvenor Gardens, Shanghai, and Miss Margaret Harris Arnold, stenographer, of No. 221A Grosvenor Gardens, Shanghai.

CAPT. CYRIL FALLS ON THE PRESENT STRATEGIC POSITION IN PACIFIC

The present strategic position in the Pacific Ocean was the subject of an interesting broadcast talk by CAPTAIN CYRIL FALLS, military correspondent of THE TIMES, from London yesterday. He referred to the latest developments insofar as they concerned Britain, Japan, the United States and the Dutch East Indies.

"On Monday last," said roughly an equilateral triangle is Midway and then up again north in United States Alaskan territory. CAPT. FALLS, "the Japanese announced that they had made a new landing at Honghai Bay, which is close to Hongkong along the South China coast."

CONSIDERABLE FORCES

"This is the latest of a series of landings which they have made along the coast of South China. I cannot give you the exact dispositions of the Japanese army in South China, but it is known that they have considerable forces in that area and also in Hainan. They also have aircraft on Hainan and there are reports that a number of airfields there have been recently established. They also have a large number of troops at Formosa."

"Further developments in the Pacific are the dispute between Thailand and Indo-China, where Japan has assumed the part of mediator, the strengthening of the garrison at Singapore by Australian troops, the position of the rich Dutch East Indies, which adheres to the Queen of the Netherlands, the increased fortifications of United States Bases in the Pacific and the visit of the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuo, to Berlin."

AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE

Capt. Falls then went on to talk about Australia and its relation to Singapore. Australia, he said, had the absolute right to make what disposal of her forces she wished. The War Office could say that they would like something of the other done with her troops, but the Australian Government always had the last say in the matter.

"It shows the common-sense of the Australians that they have now been able to send their forces to defend Singapore," said Capt. Falls. "This same attitude was shown in the last war too when she sent her forces to defend the Suez Canal, though her interests were more important there than at Singapore."

"Singapore straddles the trade and shipping route to the East and it is the most strongly fortified colonial naval base in the world. It has received powerful reinforcements both in the air and the ground since this war began and the first and most obvious thing one notices is the manner in which it is studded with islands."

STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE

"These islands have always had a strategic significance, but to-day, with long-range aircraft playing their part, their importance has increased. If you want to appreciate this you should get a map showing which of these islands are fortified and being used as air and naval bases or both. This will give you interesting food for thought."

Capt. Falls then went on to declare that from the west coast of the United States there was a long line of fortified bases stretching across the Pacific. The first was at Honolulu, the next at Wake Island, then at Guam and finally at Manila and Manila was only about 600 miles from Hongkong. "This single line of bases does not represent the whole story," said Capt. Falls. "Along to the north of these and forming

FUNERAL OF P.C.

A large gathering of members of the Police Force attended the funeral service, held yesterday afternoon, of P. C. D187, Wang Tsh-shing, aged 47, attached to Gough Hill Police Station, who died on Monday while in the performance of his duty.

The remains will be sent to his native country, Weihaiwei, Shanghai.

Besides the chief mourners, those present included the Hon. Commissioner of Police, Mr. W. P. Thompson, Mr. E. C. Luscombe, Mr. W. R. Chester-Woods, Chief Det. Insp. M. Murphy, Inspectors J. R. McWalter, L. R. Whant and F. B. Tuckett, Principal Chinese Detective Chu Heng and many others. There was a profusion of wreaths and scrolls.

Lord Halifax & Britain's Unbeatable Combination

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Britain would fight for 20 years if necessary, declared Lord Halifax at a press conference yesterday. He gave it as his "deliberate conviction" that the combination of military, naval and air power and blockade would give Britain victory over the Nazis and their Axis partners.

The duration of the war would depend on the speed of American help.

Referring to the post-war world, Lord Halifax said that Britain did not want a vindictive peace but she was going to see that steps were taken to ensure that the world should not see a repetition of the present situation at the hands of Germany.

BRITISH BOMBER EXPLOITS

Nazi Convoy Attacked Off Dutch Coast

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—Some of the exploits of aircraft of the Bomber and Coastal Commands in attacks on enemy shipping are revealed in an Air Ministry communique.

A small enemy convoy was intercepted and bombed on Wednesday off the Dutch coast by Bomber Command aircraft. In another attack off Ameland, an anti-aircraft ship was damaged and near Borkum, a naval patrol was bombed.

On Tuesday coastal Command aircraft attacked and scattered several enemy minesweepers. A pilot of the Coastal Command sank an enemy supply ship.

From these operations, concludes the communique, one aircraft is missing.

NO OVERSEAS EXPEDITIONS FOR S.A. TROOPS

CAPETOWN, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The question of the use of South African troops outside Africa was raised in the House of Assembly yesterday.

General Jan Smuts, the Premier, stated that the Government intended to abide strictly by the decision taken by Parliament at the beginning of the war against overseas expeditions. If circumstances arose which in the opinion of the Government, made it necessary to send troops outside the African continent, Parliament would be summoned.

General Smuts stated that the Government was entitled to use its troops in any part of Africa and would do so if necessary. He added that no South African troops were at present fighting in Greece or anywhere outside Africa.

Direct Warning By Donovan

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Are we prepared to take the chance? There is danger in whatever we do. We must recognize that danger of attack exists.

"In the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill alone, we have done two things which could be considered acts of war. One was to authorize the building of fighting ships to be turned over to England and the other was provision for refitting British ships in American ship yards."

"Germany has ignored these acts as she has many others in the past year-and-a-half, but we must not delude ourselves into thinking that she had not scored them up against us and we will have to pay for it."

ONE CHOICE

"One choice for the American people is whether or not they would resist Hitler. If they chose to resist, they must decide in time while it is still possible to do so, and others still alive to stand beside them."

He warned against both over-estimating and underestimating the power of the German military machine, and said: "That would be a mistake too. Her gains have

NAVY DETERMINED TO WIN SENIOR SHIELD Draw With Strong Sing Tao Team In Practice Match

Everything indicates that the ROYAL NAVY football team are determined to win the Senior Shield this season, as can be seen by the hard practice they have had. In one such match yesterday they drew with a strong Sing Tao eleven in a friendly match at Causeway Bay.

The Navy will be considerably strengthened, it is learned. If several new players, reputed to be very good, are signed up before the Shield match is played.

Sing Tao, fresh from their laurels in Manila, were, as stated, held to a draw and if it had not been for the injury to Britt, who sustained a fractured knee in the second half, when Navy were leading by three goals to one, the final score would have been in the sailors' favour. The Chinese, however, added two quick goals to force a draw.

GOOD DEFENCE

The defence of the Navy was again outstanding. O'Regan and Roughley were very prominent in their clearing and anticipation, while the half-backs were everywhere to help both in attack and defence.

Hendy, prolific Navy goal-scorer, had the full attention of the Sing Tao defence, as a result of which the goals came from the wingers, Wharmby (2) and Hawkins (1).

Kwok Ying-ki was the most outstanding player for Sing Tao, while Lai Shiu-wing and Ip Pak-wah were the best of the forwards.

Lai Shiu-wing (2) and Kwok Ying-ki scored for Sing Tao.

ROYAL NAVY: Doherty, Roughley, O'Regan, Britt, Hazard, Layne, Wharmby, Le Page, Hendy, Barber and Hawkins.

SING TAO: Chu Shu-hang; Hau Yung-sang, Mak Shu-hon; Tam Chun-fai, Soong Ling-sing, Kam Ka-pui; Yeung Shiu-yick, Tang Kwong-sum, Kwok Ying-ki, Lai Shiu-wing and Ip Pak-wah.

JUNIOR GAME

Prior to the senior match, the Royal Navy second string lost to 7th R.A. by three goals to nil. Berkely, Giblin and McEwan scored for the winners. For Navy, Paul was the best.

PRINCE EDWARD IS NOT IN U.S.

Walter Winchell, New York columnist, said recently that the children of the Duke of Kent are staying in the name of Smilin' with Mr. J. P. Morgan on his estate outside New York.

This report was authoritatively denied in official quarters in London.

His Excellency Sir Archibald Clark Kerr was the guest of honour at the R.A.F. Luncheon held in the Dome, Shanghai, on Mar. 14, being accompanied by Mr. John Alexander, H. M. Press Attache. Mr. V. J. B. Holland, Acting President of the Association, welcomed them on behalf of the gathering, remarking that the ambassador had always been a good friend to the club, rarely failing to visit it at least once during his stays in Shanghai.

OPEN TENNIS DOUBLES

JAPANESE PAIR DEFEATED

As expected the Open Doubles tennis match between George Choa and A. V. Remedios and O. Umetani and T. Imura yesterday provided some very bright play, the former pair winning 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

There were some fine rallies in which both sides came off with equal honours.

Both the first and second sets were closely fought out but the third set was something of an anti-climax.

In the Open Singles, R. E. Guest succumbed to the stylish player, Pang Oi-lam by 6-3, 6-1.

Other results were as follows:—Open Singles: Paul Kong beat Fung Yee-pui 8-1, 6-1; I. M. A. Razack beat S. Y. Tong 6-3, 6-1.

CLUB MATCHES

Championship: F. W. Carter beat M. A. de Haan 6-1, 6-0.

H'Cap Singles: A. K. Mackenzie beat H. E. Waller 6-2, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles: C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard beat F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell 6-3, 6-3; J. S. Theobald and Miss D. Eardley beat E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle 6-2, 6-1.

IMMIGRATION OFFICE BOY CHARGED

COLLECTED \$25 ON STOLEN RECEIPT

A messenger of the Immigration Office was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday with obtaining money by false pretences.

Defendant was Ng Chi-hon, 27, who was alleged to have obtained \$25 on Mar. 4 from a shroff of the Immigration Office by virtue of a deposit receipt in the name of one Ho Kiu, by falsely pretending that he was the depositor.

Det. Sub-Ins. J. O'Donovan said that defendant had been employed since Nov. last. On Mar. 3 a deposit receipt was reported stolen and on the following day defendant presented it at the counter and cashed it, saying that he was the depositor.

GUILTY PLEA

Defendant pleaded guilty and said that he did it because his mother was sick at that time and he needed some money to buy medicine for her.

After hearing the case, Mr. Lowry ordered defendant to be remanded for seven days to see whether he could make restitution.

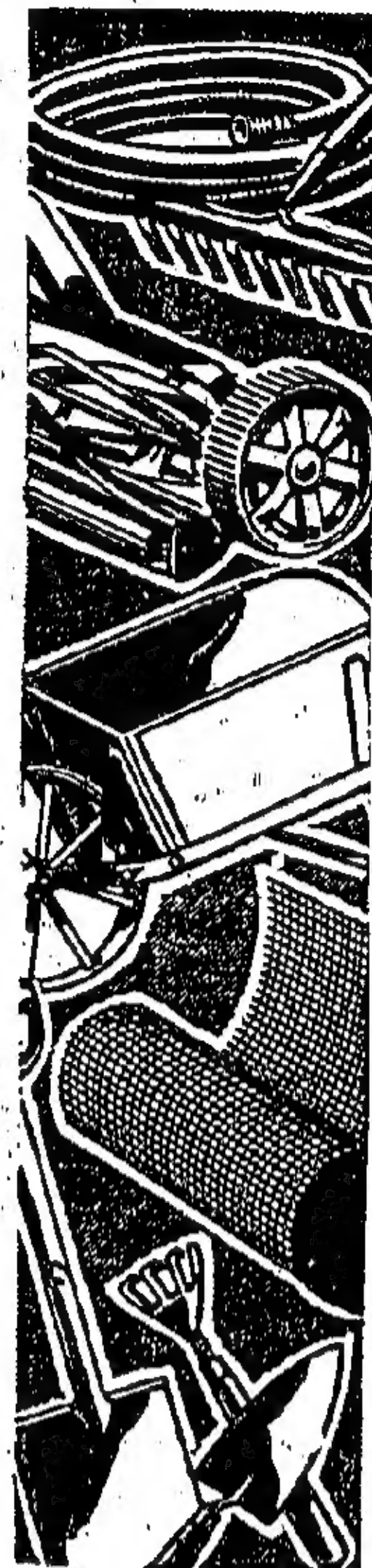
S'HAU-NANKING RAILWAYS

Position Of British Queried In Commons

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday, Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked what provision had been made to protect British bond-holders of the Shanghai-Nanking and the Tientsin-Pukow Railways in view of the fact that the concerns were built with British money and are now controlled by a Japanese company with revenues of a million yen a month.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the British Government had repeatedly made representations in respect of both railways and requesting that an arrangement should be made to meet the obligations of British bond-holders and allow the British railway staff to function in accordance with the provision of the loan agreements.

"I regret that no satisfaction has yet been received," added Mr. Butler.



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HARDWARE DEPARTMENT: GROUND FLOOR

DEAD BABY

REPORTED ARREST OF U.S. MARINE IN SHANGHAI

The mystery surrounding the discovery of the body of a fifteen-month old baby in the compound of the Shanghai Jewish School in Seymour Road was being investigated by the United States Consular authorities, on Mar. 14, reports the North China Daily News. It could not be ascertained, however, if anyone had been arrested in connexion with the affair.

ARREST REPORT

According to a report, the body was found at 4:20 a.m. by two Chinese watchmen, one employed by the school, and the other at Pacific Gardens. It was further stated that American Marine authorities had arrested a Marine private on suspicion of having left the body in the compound.

The report went on to state that the Pacific Gardens watchman saw a Marine leave house No. 4 with a bundle in his hands. The Chinese followed the man saw him enter the school premises. He came out soon after with the bundle still in his hands.

OVER THE WALL

The watchman then saw the Marine throw it over the wall into the school compound and then proceed north, along Seymour Road.

As soon as the Marine had left, the watchman called his colleague at the Jewish School and together they searched the compound, finding the bundle and in it, a body of a dead foreign child.

The autopsy on the body was held on Monday morning, it was reported. The dead child's mother is at present at the Country Hospital and has not been told of its death.

CHESS RESULTS

In the Junior Chess Championship yesterday J. Getfald beat V. V. Kolachoff and E. M. Petrov beat W. Lee.

AMOY SITUATION AND COMMONS

Information Sought On Jap. Demands

LONDON, March 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. H. I. Hannah asked for information regarding Japanese demands in Amoy and whether steps were taken to support the foreign administration against demands calculated to subject the settlement to Japanese domination.

Mr. R. A. Butler, replied that the Japanese Consul-General in Amoy presented four requests on January 20, three of which presented no difficulty but the fourth was for the immediate appointment of six Japanese sergeants to the police force.

NO QUORUM

Consequently three non-Japanese members of the Council resigned, leaving it with no quorum.

Since then the Council's functions had been carried on by the Consular Body.

Negotiations had been proceeding between the Japanese Consul-General and the British Consul in the capacity of senior Consul.

Mr. Hannah asked: "Isn't the present position extremely unsatisfactory?"

No answer was given.

Industrial Machines And Output

Another 10,558 tons of industrial equipment were moved into Free China last year. Together with the 106,037 tons evacuated from the coastal areas and along the Yangtze during the two previous years, the total amount of productive machines thus far safely transported to the interior weight 116,595 tons.

Factories in Free China pegged another record last year by turning out \$5,400,000,000 worth of industrial products. This marked a great increase over the \$1,400,000,000 of 1939 and \$700,000,000 in 1938.

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FUNERAL OF MADAM TAN HU-CHUN

Large Attendance At Graveside

The funeral of Madam Tan Hu-
chun took place at the Chinese
Christian Cemetery, Kowloon City,
yesterday, Rev. Lau Yuet-sing, of
the Baptist Church, officiating.

The late Madam Tan, mother of
Mr. K. H. Tan, District manager of
the Ault and Wiborg Company, was
well-known among the Chinese
circle.

She died at St. Teresa's Hospital
on March 25 at the age of 90.

A ceremony was held in the
Baptist Church, Stirling Road,
Kowloon City, at 3 p.m. yesterday.
In addition to a sermon delivered
by Rev. Lau Yuet-sing, Rev. Chin
Tang-fai related the life of the de-
ceased.

THOSE PRESENT

Among those present at the
graveside were: Mr. B. L. Ander-
son, Mr. A. L. Ham, Mrs. Wong
Kwok-shuen, Pastor G. F. Lassen,
Mr. and Mrs. Lam Chiu-fung, Mr.
and Mrs. Chui Tse-cheng, Mr. and
Mrs. Lo Kwong-mo, Mr. and Mrs.
Lim Hoi-lan, Mr. and Mrs. Wong
Tak-chuen, Mr. and Mrs. Hung
Hin-wan, Messdames Chan Hing-
Tung, Ma-tai, To Sing-lan, Lam
Shi-fun, Tsang Yip-man and Chui
Hoi-yuen, Messrs. Andrew Mrs. Fu
Seung-wing, Yeung Wai-ma, Yim
King-ching, Leung Tak-luen, Chan
Kwok-cheong, Cheung Mun-chiu,
Yip Sun-sau, Kwok Wing-hong,
Lam Kwai-ching, Lai Pp-kwong,
Chan Po, Cheung Tak-tuan, Wong
Chi-fai, Liu Yau-lin, Chong Kit-
kwap and Chim Po-kang, and the
Misses Yeung Lai-yung, Wong Siu-
rong and Wong Lai-kuen.
Many flowers were sent.

23 COUPLES WITH TRIPLETS

The Social Bureau of the Wel-
fare Ministry disclosed that there
are 23 couples in Japan with tri-
plets.

Approximately 200 women in
the country give birth to triplets
each year, but the majority of
these children die soon after
birth.

Major Manners' Letter To Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson

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No person from the Secretariat
ever entered by door—I cannot
contradict that.

The Accountant-General was
to his mind, said Mr. Smith, a
qualified person to give a report.

Mr. Forrest: The Accountant-
General stated he could take no
action. But does not a report call
for action?

Mr. Smith: Yes. Action was
taken very shortly after. Mr.
Pudney's report was to call in Mr.
Taylor.

Mr. Forrest: That was action
taken by myself not taken by the
Secretariat.

EXTRA STAFF

Mr. Smith: I think we did our
best to get you extra staff but it
was very difficult at that time. The
War Taxation Department had
taken the cream of the other de-
partments.

Asked whether the Supreme
Court or the Post Office were more
in need of Senior Clerical and
Accounting Staff men than the
Immigration Office, Mr. Smith
said he found it hard to answer
the question. The allotments to
any department was largely in
the hands of the Principal As-
sistant Colonial Secretary and were
given final approval by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith agreed at that time no
accountant was available.

Mr. Forrest: You first mention-
ed the possibility of a public en-
quiry to me on a Friday after-
noon.

Mr. Smith: Was that before you
yourself suggested it?

Mr. Forrest: I think that was
the first intimation. I sent you a
semi-official letter in which I as-
ked you to do nothing to prevent
such an enquiry.

KOBZA AGREEMENT

Replying to the Chairman, Mr.
Smith said he recollected being at
Government House in the presence
of His Excellency the Acting
Governor and Mr. Forrest but he
could not recollect every word that
was spoken as he (Mr. Smith)
had had many interviews that
day.

"We did discuss this Kobza
agreement. I told His Excellency
that when the Immigration Office
first started Kobza was given. I
think very early on, a room in
the neighbourhood or in the same
building," said Mr. Smith. "I
mentioned to His Excellency that
in similar departments, such as
the Imports and Exports, I knew
that it was quite a regular thing
for the department to have agents
set up for filling in forms. I
thought that something of that
sort would probably be necessary
as regards these Immigration
forms."

Mr. Forrest explained that that
was at a later meeting. When he
attempted to work on the de-
cision of the Executive Council,
which was that monopolies be
given by tender to selected agents
on short term contracts, he (Mr.
Forrest) found it got him deeper
and deeper into the box. On Jan.
9, through Mr. Smith, he sought
a further interview with His Ex-
cellency.

WHAT THOUGHT FIT

Mr. Forrest went on to say that
he thought His Excellency's de-
cision was that there was nothing
in the Executive Council's decision
prejudicing him (Mr. Forrest) from
doing what he thought fit.

Mr. Smith: I would not like to
contradict that. As long as other
agents were to have equal right
to take photos and fill in forms.

Mr. Drummond said he rather
gathered the impression that the
meeting at Government House re-
ferred to by Mr. Forrest varied
very much from the Executive
Council's decision.

The Chairman: By the agree-
ment with Kobza he was put in
a position whereby the other
agents could only come to the
Immigration Office through him.

Mr. Smith: I can say certainly
that that was never contem-
plated. I might add that this
agreement which Kobza signed
was only seen by me at a very
late stage. He brought it up to
my office one evening and showed
me the agreement which was
signed. I was taken completely
by surprise because I remember
quarrying the witness.

Replying to the Chairman, Mr.
Smith said that it was most cer-
tainly the usual practice. If the
Head of a Department wished to
enter into a contract, to submit
the terms of the agreement to the
Crown Solicitor.

MORNING HEARING

At the commencement of yes-
terday morning's sitting, Mr. Mc-

Clachie, officer-in-charge of Cur-
rent Accounts Department of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank,
testified to the correctness of Mr.
Kobza's statement, made on Wed-
nesday, that he originally opened
the new account with the Hong-
kong Bank under the name of
General Agency of the Immigra-
tion Office and that the name was
changed by Mr. McClachie to
Kobza Art Studio Account No. 2.
Addressing the Commission, Mr.
Kobza said that on the previous
day he said that he was not in a
position to put up security but
that he was now in possession of
a cheque for \$3,000 as evidence of
good faith. This cheque he han-
ded to the Chairman.

Major C. M. Manners, Secretary
and Manager of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.
Ltd., identified a letter which he
addressed to the Hon. Mr. J. J.
Paterson, Chairman of the firm, in
which he stated:

Dear Mr. Paterson, I have to re-
port that on the arrival of the
"President Monroe" yesterday I
was on the wharf and after she
tied up I went aboard.

The Immigration Officer in
charge was a Mr. Burnie. Shortly
after arrival the Chief Immigra-
tion Officer, Mr. Forrest, came
aboard apparently in a very un-
pleasant humour. I saw nothing
of the examination of passengers
in the lounge but I heard several
of them make derogatory remarks
regarding the manners of the Im-
migration officials.

Whilst I was standing at the
head of the gangway, The Ameri-
can President Line Shore Captain,
Thomas, went on to the gangway
and shouted to his No. 1 to
instruct the stevedores to come
aboard by the lower gangway. I
presume he had received instruc-
tions from the Immigration Au-
thorities or Police that it was in
order for the stevedores to come
aboard and open up the hatches.

Several Immigration Officers were
on the gangway and as the stev-
edores started to come on board
every one of them produced his
identification card complete with
photograph. Shortly after the
stevedores had started to file over
the gangway, Mr. Forrest came to
the head of the upper gangway
and shouted to one of his Chinese
Immigration Officers: "Who are
those people coming on board?"

The Immigration Officer said they
were stevedores. Mr. Forrest then
said: "You get down there at
once and anyone without a proper
pass chuck him overboard."
The way this official acted
aboard the ship was a disgrace to
Hongkong, and gave the impres-
sion that he was mentally un-
balanced; several American pas-
sengers and ship's officers com-
mented in no measured terms on
the incivility of Hongkong officials.
The attitude and methods of the
Immigration Department are be-
coming a subject of openly adverse
comment on all sides, and as I am
jealous of the good reputation of
Hongkong, especially the treat-
ment of foreigners coming to or
passing through the Colony, I re-
port this in the hope that some-
thing may be done to improve
matters. (Sgd.) C. M. Manners,
Secretary and Manager.

UNPLEASANTNESS

Questioned by Mr. Forrest, Major
Manners agreed that it was
not the first time that they have
had, what might be called, official
unpleasantness.

Mr. Forrest: The first time was
with regard to the evacuation?—
Yes.

You wrote a minute to me on
the same charges?—Yes.
To the effect that I had in-
structed the officer-in-charge of
evacuation to evacuate as an
European a woman whom I well
knew was not a European?—
Not exactly that, I did not have the
foggiest idea of what was going
on or was to be carried out.

Reverting to the day of the in-
cident mentioned in Major Man-
ners' letter, Mr. Forrest asked
whether the instructions he gave to
his subordinates was the only
incident of rudeness or discourtesy.
Major Manners stated that that
was only an incident.

Mr. Forrest: What right had
you to remark that I came aboard
in a very unpleasant humour?
That was the impression I got.

APPEARED DISTURBED

Was it the expression on my
face or some words that I spoke?
—When you came on board it ap-
peared to me that you were un-
well and you appeared to me to
be disturbed about something.

During the course of further
questioning, Major Manners was
asked whether he took the phrase
"chuck him overboard" literally.



Mr. G. Trevorton receiving the Governor's Cup from His Excel-
lency Sir Geoffrey Northcote at the Fanning races last Sunday.
Also in the picture is Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

to which he replied, "Naturally
not."

Mr. Forrest then asked: "Apart
from the phrase, there was
nothing to suggest that I was a
mentally unbalanced person?—It
seemed to me that you were in a
terrible rage over some matter or
the other. That was the impres-
sion that I got, and it made me
and all those around me rather
nervous."

If I say Mr. Clague was present
at the examination of passengers
immediately before and after the
incident, you will admit that his
impression of my mood is in or-
der?—Yes. Mr. Clague had been,
I know, inside during the examina-
tion. I did not go inside. I mere-
ly stood on the gangway. I did
not know what was happening in-
side.

If Mr. Clague was to say that
both before and after the incident
I was in a very good mood, you
will admit that your impression
was incorrect?—Not necessarily. I
myself have been in a terrific
temper one minute and was in a
very pleasant mood a minute
after.

The Chairman: Major Manners,
you wrote the letter to Mr. Pat-
erson in pursuance of what you pre-
sumed to be your duty?—Yes, Sir.
With no other motive whatso-
ever?—No, Sir.

"HULLO, DARLING"

Mrs. A. O. S. Campbell, of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.,
Ltd., was then called, and in reply
to the Chairman, agreed that she
wrote the following letter to the
Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, on Mar.
12:

Early in December I had occa-
sion to make enquiries from the
Immigration Office regarding a
permit for my house boy to leave
the Colony for a short visit to his
family.

I rang up the Immigration Office
and was put on to a Chinese offi-
cial who was quite unable to un-
derstand my request, so I asked to
be put on to the No. 1 of the De-
partment. After a few minutes
the following conversation ensu-
ed:—

Voice: "Hullo, darling, is that
you, darling?"

Me: "I beg your pardon."

Voice: "Who are you, what do
you want?"

whereupon I gave my name and
stated my request only to get the
answer:—

"There's a Postal Service isn't
there?" to which I replied that I
was aware of that fact but as my
boy wished to leave the Colony in
two days' time I felt it useless to
write as my letter would doubtless
take several days to receive at-
tention. I was then told in a very
aggressive manner that if certain-
ly I would as he had weeks of cor-
respondence on his desk unattend-
ed to and "I would like you to un-
derstand that I don't appreciate
being rung up in the middle of the
afternoon." Such a remark made
me extremely annoyed and I re-
plied to the effect that had I been
the person to whom he addressed
his endearing remarks at the be-
ginning of our conversation no
doubt he would have been prepar-
ed to waste a great deal of his
time. To which he replied very
angrily "That's none of your busi-
ness." I assured him that in the
circumstances, it was and that
having asked a civil question I ex-
pected a civil reply—before the
end of my remark the telephone
receiver had been slammed down.
(Sgd.) D. Campbell, 12/3/41.

DRAW CHEQUES

In reply to Mr. Forrest, Mrs.
Campbell agreed that she occa-
sionally had to draw cheques
against her banking account.

Mr. Forrest: I don't know what
bank you keep your account with
and I don't want to inquire, but
assuming it was the Hongkong
and Shanghai Bank, would you
ring up Sir V. M. Grayburn in
connection with some matter re-
lating to your account?—I did not
ring up the Immigration Officer.
I asked for the No. 1 of the In-
quiry Department.

Surely the No. 1 means the
Head of the Immigration Office?—
No. I knew there were several
departments and I asked for the
Inquiry Department; I thought I
would be put on to the Inquiry
Department.

You took it for granted that the
Immigration Office, established
only a month before, was fully
equipped with several departments
as you would find in a bank es-
tablished close on a century?—No.
You took it for granted there
would be an official whose only
business was to attend to the tele-
phone and answer all inquiries?—
Yes.

MORE ATTENTION

You agree that any person,
however busy he might be, would
give slightly more attention to his
family than to outsiders?—I sup-
pose he would.

But that that does not mean
that he would not explain to his
wife or to a member of his family
that he was very busy and could
not afford the time to talk?—No.

Mr. Forrest then proceeded to
question Mrs. Campbell as to the
interval between the time the boy
filed in the form and the conver-
sation, and to whether she knew
the fact that the Immigration
Office was extremely busy. Mr.
Forrest was proceeding with his
questions on the purpose of the
Immigration Ordinance when the
Chairman interposed with the
comment that they were straying
"a little too far from the burden
of Mrs. Campbell's letter," to
which Mr. Forrest replied:

"I was working up to that point.
I was continually rung up by peo-
ple who inquired about their
house-boys, amahs, gardeners, and
so forth. In view of the numbers
with which we were dealing with
every day, it was perfectly impos-
sible for the Head of a Depart-
ment to remember individual cases
or even to make on the spot in-
vestigations into the cases, and
Mrs. Campbell should have under-
stood about that."

CHARGE OF INCIVILITY

The Chairman: That I appre-
ciate except that last bit. But
again I have to remind you that
Mrs. Campbell would not have
made the complaint had you stated
to her that you were extreme-
ly sorry that you could not deal
with cases over the telephone, and
asked her to please write in. The
charge is one of incivility.

Addressing Mrs. Campbell, Mr.
Forrest asked: Did I not ask you
to write?—Yes, but the words you
used were different. They were
"There is a postal service, isn't
there?"

The impression you got from my
conversation was that I was
anxious to cease it as soon as pos-
sible?—Yes.

"Don't you think it strange that
if I wanted to cease the conversa-
tion rudely, I could have banged
down the telephone. That fact
that I said something at all seems
to imply that I must have explain-
ed to you that this matter could
only be dealt with in writing?—
Your remarks were not very help-
ful."

Perhaps not, but I suggested
that you should write?—You did
but not in a manner which I con-
sidered courteous.

MR. KESWICK'S LETTER

The Chairman then referred to
a letter, addressed to Hon. Mr. J.
J. Paterson, by Mr. W. J. Keswick,
Chairman of the Shanghai Muni-
cipal Council, who was a passenger
on board the "President Monroe"
which arrived in Hongkong on
Feb. 9.

The letter read as follows:
Dear Paterson,—As you are on
the Executive Council I feel I
ought to report to you the unfor-
tunate impression the Passport
Authorities created on the arrival
of a.s. "President Monroe" on
which I came down from Shang-
hai on Feb. 9.
At the outset I ought to say that
my wife and I received every pos-
sible courtesy. On production of
our special permit nothing could

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A.N.S. Home Nursing Exam. Results

The following members of the
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the examiners at the Home Nur-
sing Examination held on March 3
at the Queen Mary Hospital:—

Vivienne Blackburn, Marie Botel-
ho, Doris Brooks, Florence Car-
wright, Jean Chalmers, Mabel
Chenailloy, Joan Crawford, Kath-
leen Crommish, Beryl Farrar, Olga
Ferrier, Margaret Harrison, Helen
Jung, Helen Kennedy-Skipston,
Haseena Khan, Kathleen Lamb,
Emily Manson, Karen Pagh, Sarah
Polson, "Gwendoline" Priestwood,
Jean Robinson, Katie Sadick, Hilda
Selwyn-Clarke, Gladys Skinner,
Edna Stenersen, Pauline Suttill,
Eleanor Thom, Katherine Thom-
son.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 28 Mar. to 3 Apr. 1941.

		HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time
Fri.	28	h.m.	h.m.	h.m.	h.m.
		10.55	5.7	2.34	1.8
Sat.	29	9.54	5.0	1.47	2.0
		10.27	3.9	0.64	2.1
		9.57	3.0	1.27	1.9
Sun.	30	10.44	3.1	0.43	2.2
		9.54	2.4	1.07	1.9
Mon.	31	11.01	2.3	0.45	2.0
				1.48	1.9
Tue.	1	09.04	2.3	0.34	2.0
		11.34	2.2	1.27	2.1
Wed.	2	09.28	2.2	0.46	2.2
		11.49	2.3	0.43	2.2
Thurs.	3	01.57	2.2	0.34	2.2
		12.24	2.2	2.04	2.2

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U.S. Super-Defence Agency

More Planes, Ships, Tanks, Guns For Democracies

President Roosevelt's new super defence agency, ready to subordinate everything in national life to rearmament efforts, has begun its drive to make the United States the world's great arsenal for the defence of democracy and freedom.

OPM—the office for production management—was created by an executive order. It came into existence on January 7 when President Roosevelt signed commissions of the four members—Industrialist, Mr. William S. Knudsen; Labour Leader, Mr. Sidney Hillman; Secretary of War, Col. Henry L. Stimson, and Secretary of the Navy, Col. Frank Knox.

In the months ahead the letters OPM probably will become as significant and well known to the average citizen as did NRA in the early days of the New Deal. Whereas NRA was one of the President's attempts to defeat the depression of the 1930's OPM is designed to gear war production facilities so that Great Britain can defeat Germany.

Not since Woodrow Wilson made Mr. Bernard E. Baruch Chief of the War Industries Board during the World War has the United States moved so close to rigorous federal regulation of national economic life. For the first time during the present emergency—when Mr. Roosevelt has warned it "as serious as war itself"—the national rearmament effort will be delegated to a small organization.

STATEMENT ISSUED

The extent the OPM is prepared to go with the broad powers delegated to it by the President was revealed in this part of a statement issued by its four members: "We shall have need of the active, aggressive and enthusiastic co-operation of every man, woman and child in the United States if we are to make this arsenal in America adequate for successful defence of democracy and freedom. This can only mean that in the immediate future everything in our national life must be subordinated to the necessity for defence."

To Management, the OPM said: "Industry must subordinate its concern over the possible effects of tremendous immediate expansion to unexpressed hope for wartime profits must be sternly repressed." To labour, it said: "Intelligent and patriotic co-operation

NEW POST FOR SIR EDWARD STUBBS

Sir (Reginald) Edward Stubbs has been appointed Chairman of the Northern Appellate Tribunal for Conscientious Objectors in succession to the late Sir Philip J. Macdonell.

The tribunal recently resumed its sittings—suspended towards the end of last year through the death of Sir Philip—at the Central Library, Manchester.

Sir Edward retired in 1937 after a distinguished career in the Colonial Service. He was born in 1876, the youngest son of the late Dr. William Stubbs, Bishop of Oxford, and on leaving Corpus Christi College, Oxford, entered the Colonial Office.

SPECIAL MISSION

He was engaged on a special mission to the Malay Peninsula and Hongkong in the years 1910-11, after which he held many responsible colonial appointments, including those of Governor of Hongkong from 1919 to 1925, Captain General and Governor-in-Chief of Jamaica, 1928-32; Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Cyprus, 1932-3; and Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Ceylon 1933-37.

During part of this time, his predecessor in the chairmanship of the Appellate Tribunal, Sir Philip Macdonell, was Chief Justice of Ceylon, a position from which he retired in 1938.

In 1938 Sir Edward was Vice-Chairman of the Royal Commission on the West Indies. His home is at Watlington, Kent.

GERMAN OIL TANKER SUNK OFF NORWAY

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The submarine Sturkeon (Lieut. Commander St. Clair-Ford), sank an 8,000-ton German tanker off the Norwegian coast.

The Admiralty, announcing this, says that the submarine fired at the tanker during mist and rain. An explosion followed and when the mist cleared 20 minutes later, only part of the tanker could be seen above the water.

of the men who man the machines is vital. Labour must avoid any attempt to make improper use of its position in the present worldwide emergency. The whole principle of collective bargaining and the rights of labour... is being challenged."

To both management and labour, it said: "If the totalitarian forces of the world are victorious... both capital and labour will become the involuntary vassals of all-powerful state."

"SINGLE HEAD"

For all practical purposes responsibility for converting America's economy from a peace-time to a war-time emergency basis has been delegated to a single head, and the name of that single head, President Roosevelt told his press conference, is 'Knudsen-Hillman.' That was his answer to questions seeking to learn why he had not vested ultimate executive power in one person.

Thus two former immigrant boys become President Roosevelt's "single head" for the programme designed to speed this country's own defence programme and to supply Great Britain and other democracies resisting invasion with more planes, more ships, more tanks and more guns.

Mr. Knudsen, former production genius of the General Motors Corporation, came to America from Denmark at the age of 20 to work in New York shipyards. Since last June he has been chairman of the national defence advisory commission which OPM supersedes but does not entirely replace.

Mr. Hillman also emigrated to the United States at the age of 20. He came from Lithuania and since then has been an active labour leader in the clothing industry. Before becoming a member of the defence advisory commission he was vice-president of the C.I.O. and president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

STRONG PARADOX

Paradoxically, both Mr. Knudsen's and Mr. Hillman's native countries are victims of the war in Europe. Mr. Knudsen's Denmark is now under the "protection" of Germany. Mr. Hillman's Lithuania was taken over by Russia after its war with Finland.

Mr. Knudsen becomes director general of the OPM; Mr. Hillman associate director general. Col. Stimson and Col. Knox will participate in the OPM's work of policy making and surveys.

Under that supreme command, three lesser divisions are established: 1. production, headed by Mr. John Biggers, glass executive, who took the unemployment census of 1938 and who was Mr. Knudsen's aide in the defence commission set up; 2. purchases, headed by Mr. Donald Nelson, mail order executive who has been co-ordinating all defence buying for the defence commission; 3. priorities, headed by Mr. Edward R. Stettinius Jr., former U.S. Steel Corporation chairman who is raw material chief in the defence commission.

By executive order, President Roosevelt has shifted to OPM and its divisions virtually all the special executive powers granted him by Congress to speed defence preparations. These include the power to impose priorities on industry to get first claim to tools, raw materials and finished products, and the power, granted President Roosevelt in the draft law, to take over industries whose operators are adjudged recalcitrant in the defence effort.

Mr. Knudsen and Mr. Hillman will sign any priority orders which may be issued, but determination on necessity for priorities and recommendations for action will come from a six-man priorities board headed by Mr. Stettinius. Mr. Knudsen and Hillman serve as ex-officio members of that board, and other members are Mr. Nelson and Mr. Leon Henderson, the defence commission's controller of raw materials prices. The sixth member has yet to be revealed, but it was believed likely to be Mr. Biggers.

Finance and Commerce

GERMAN-VICHY BARTER DEAL

Nazis Receive Cattle In Return For Wheat

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—The wheat which is being sent from German-occupied France to un-occupied France is by means free, says the Vichy correspondent of the New York Times.

The transaction is a barter deal, the correspondent adds, and in return for the wheat, the Nazis receive cattle, pigs, salt, vegetables, cheese and wine.

The correspondent gives figures showing the considerable quantities received from un-occupied France by the Germans. They include 190,000 cattle, 600,000 small livestock, 600,000 calves and pigs; 36,000 tons of salad oil, 100,000 tons of salt, 60,000 tons of fresh vegetables, 8,000 tons of cheese and "a large quantity" of wine.

VALUABLE LOCAL ESTATE

Valuable local estate worth \$660,800 has been left by the late Mr. Chua Cheng Bok (or Bok), well-known local estate owner and millionaire of the Straits Settlements, and late of Bok House, Ampang Road, Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States. [S. C. Brooks, lawful attorney

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

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Cements, \$18.
Ropes, \$7.40.

SALES

H.K. Banks, \$137.50.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$163.
Trams, \$16.50.
Lights (O), \$6.20.
Electricity C. Rts., \$38.75.
Telephones (O), \$24.25.
Cements, \$17.80.

Mr. Chua died on April 25, 1940 at Ipoh, Perak.

An application for sealing certificate copy of the probate of the will has been granted to E. S. C. Brooks, lawful attorney

GOVT. INSURANCE SCHEME

Sir Kingsley Wood On War Damage Act

LONDON, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—"Under this scheme every British home is indeed a castle," declared Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, broadcasting last night on the new War Damage Act providing for compulsory insurance of property and free limited compensation for destroyed furniture.

The Chancellor declared that the scheme amply covered everyone. It covered not only actual destruction but consequential damage such as that resulting from rain falling through a hole in the roof caused by bomb.

Those who had already suffered would be treated as if the scheme had been in force since the outbreak of war.

The Chancellor described the act as an essential part of our answer to Hitler. He added: "The R.A.F. over Germany are giving him another answer which will continue to grow more and more unpalatable to him."

Policing Of Badlands Queried In Commons

LONDON, March 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question by Sir John Wardlaw-Milne regarding the working of the agreement for policing the Badlands outside the International Settlement in Shanghai, said that after lengthy negotiations extending over several months, an agreement was signed on February 1 and came into force on March 15.

Mr. Butler continued: "While conditions in the area have continued to be unsatisfactory in recent months, it is yet too early to judge what result the new agreement will have."

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY 27 MARCH				THURSDAY 27 MARCH			
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
Banks				Banks			
\$1335	H.K. Banks	...	...	\$1340
...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	\$77
...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	\$74
...	Chartered Bank	...	...	\$28
...	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	\$21
...	Mercantile Bks. "B"	...	...	\$10
...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	\$70
...	N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	15 ct.
Insurance				Insurance			
\$225	Canton Insurance	...	...	\$250
\$427	Union Insurance	...	...	\$425
...	Underwriters	...	...	80 ct.
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	\$180
Shipping				Shipping			
...	Donglases	...	...	\$125
...	Steamboats	...	...	\$8
...	Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	\$80
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	\$80
...	Shells	...	...	40/7
...	Waterbats	...	...	\$7
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.			
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	\$8
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	\$8
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	\$16
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	\$22
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	\$22
Mining				Mining			
...	Kailans	...	...	15/0
...	Rauhs	...	...	\$8
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...
Lands, Hotels and Buildings				Lands, Hotels and Buildings			
\$3.15	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	\$3.10
\$3.12	H.K. Land	...	...	\$3.11
...	Do. 4 1/2 Acres	...	...	\$97
...	Shanghai Land	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realities	...	...	\$3.05
...	Humphreys	...	...	\$3.70
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...
...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	\$45
...	S'hai Cottons (S.)	...	...	\$135
...	Zong Sings (S.)	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	\$135
...	Public Utilities	...	...	...
...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	\$10
...	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	\$7.40
...	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	\$3
...	Star Ferries	...	...	\$34
...	Ymat Ferries	...	...	\$34
...	China Lights (O)	...	...	\$8.10
...	China Lights (N)	...	...	\$1
...	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	\$39.90
...	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (Old)	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (New)	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Light	...	...	...
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	...
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	...
...	S'pore Tractors (Ord.)	...	...	...
Industrials				Industrials			
...	Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	...	...	...
...	Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	...	...	...
...	Canton Iron	...	...	75 ct.
...	Cements	...	...	\$18.10
...	H.K. Ropes	...	...	\$7.50
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...
...	4 1/2 Loan	...	...	...
...	2 1/2 " (1934)	...	...	...
...	2 1/2 " (1940)	...	...	...
Miscellaneous				Miscellaneous			
...	Dairy Farms	...	...	\$18
...	Entertainments	...	...	\$7.15
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	\$1.80
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawfords	...	...	\$7
...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	\$2.80
...	Sloccers	...	...	\$2.15
...	Watsons	...	...	\$11.10
...	Ch. G. S. 1250-1300	...	...	...
...	H.K. Wing Co.	...	...	...
...	Shat Wing Co.	...	...	...
...	Vibro Pumps	...	...	...
...	Marginalia (Ord.)	...	...	...
...	Marginalia (Pref.)
...	Marginalia (H.K.)
...	Wm. Potts
...	China Lights (Right)
...	1840 to Shanghai

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Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, Mar. 27, 1941.

SALES

H.K. Banks 15 \$1,335.00
China Lights (O) ... 500 6.20
Docks (O) ... 820 6.20
Docks (N) ... 68 6.20
China Providents ... 150 5.27 1/2
H.K. Tramways ... 150 16.50
Star Ferries ... 50 53.50

The total value is \$35,178.10.

The National Relief Commission has received an additional \$200,000 from the Chinese in the United States for the relief of war refugees, according to word received here. Of the amount, over \$116,000 was sent by the Chinese community in New England—(Central News).

MARRIAGES UP IN BRITAIN

REGISTRAR-GENERAL FIGURES ISSUED

LONDON, March 27 (British Wireless).—There were more marriages but fewer births compared with pre-war years during the 13 weeks ended Sept. 30 last, according to the quarterly return issued by the Registrar-General.

The birth-rate per thousand of the population was 14.3. This compared with the average of 15.3 for the third quarters of the five preceding years.

Of live births registered, 76,660 were males and 72,580 females.

INFANT MORTALITY

There were 131,254 marriages, 7,877 more than the September quarter average for the five preceding years.

Infant mortality was 42 per 1,000 births which is three below the average of the 10 preceding third quarters.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MARCH 27, 1941.

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	Credits 4 months sight
On Shanghai:	On demand 450
On Singapore:	On demand 52 3/4
On Japan:	On demand 102 1/2
On India:	Telegraphic Transfer. 89 1/2
On New York:	Bank Bills, on demand 84 1/8
Credits, 60 days sight 84 7/8	On Batavia:
On demand 45 1/4	On Paris:
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	Credits 4 months sight Nom.
On Saigon:	On demand 104 1/8
On Manila:	On demand 48 1/4
On Bangkok:	On demand 149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	Bank Buying Rate Nom.
Bar Silver per oz. 93 1/2	

Market Report

FROM ROSA BROS.

Thursday, Mar. 27.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for Ready and Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being quiet with no business. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

Steady but quiet.

STERLING

No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 up to May, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Business was done at 24 9/16 for Cash. There were sellers at 24 9/16 for near and probably May, buyers at 24 5/8 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done early in the morning at 465 1/4 but later the market receded and transactions were arranged at 463 3/4 and 463 1/2. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 463 1/2, buyers at 464 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Steady. There were sellers of Sterling at 37/32 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 51/4 and closed steadier at 50/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to May, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Nothing doing. There were sellers at 24 9/16 for near and probably May, buyers at 24 5/8 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done at 464 1/4. There were sellers at 464 1/4, buyers probably at 464 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Closed with sellers of Sterling at 37 1/2 for Spot and U. S. Dollars at 50/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 27 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-1/8	0/3-1/8
New York	5-1/8	5-1/8
Japan	21-3/4	21-3/4
India	17-1/4	17-1/4
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	20-3/4	20-3/4

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-7/32	0/3-15/64
Mar.	0/3-7/32	0/3-15/64
Apr.	0/3-13/64	0/3-7/32

U. S. Dollars

	Opening	Closing
Spot	\$5-1/4	\$5-9/32
Mar.	\$5-1/4	\$5-9/32
Apr.	\$5-1/4	\$5-9/32

Market: Quiet.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Mar. 26 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Mar. 26 (Reuters).

Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 95-12-0

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Mar. 28, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.85	10.80	10.81	.04 up
New York Rubber, May	22.42	22.42	22.42	.25 up
Chicago Wheat, May	90	89 1/2	89 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	66	65	65 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, June	13.77	13.70	13.72	.04 off

	Opening	Closing	Change
May	10.81/81	10.80/80	.04 up
July	10.76/76	10.77/77	.04 up
October	10.64/64	10.64/64	.06 up
December	10.62	10.64/64	.07 up
January	10.61	10.63/63	.06 up
March	10.59/59	10.60/61	.06 up
Spot	11.11	11.15	.04 up

Total sales Tuesday—71,400 bales.

	Opening	Closing	Change
May	22.20	22.15b	.25 up
July (New contract)	21.75/77	21.99/22.00	.24 up
September	21.25/25	21.35/35	.29 up
December	21.10	21.10b	.20 up

Total sales for the day—200 tons.

	Opening	Closing	Change
May	85 1/2/85 1/2	85 1/2/85 1/2	1 up
July	85 1/2/85 1/2	85 1/2/85 1/2	1 up
September	85 1/2/85 1/2	85 1/2/85 1/2	1 up

Tuesday's sales—10,641,000 bushels.

	Opening	Closing	Change
May	65 1/2/65 1/2	65 1/2/65 1/2	1 up
July	65 1/2/65 1/2	65 1/2/65 1/2	1 up
September	65 1/2/65 1/2	65 1/2/65 1/2	1 up

Volume of business done—350 lots.

	Opening	Closing	Change
May	88b/88 1/2a	88b/88 1/2a	.03 off
July	91b/91 1/2a	91b/91 1/2a	.01 off

Volume of business done—303 lots.

	Opening	Closing	Change
May	11.83b/90a	11.83b/90a	.07 up

Volume of business done—11,83b/90a.

	Opening	Closing	Change
May	7.95/95	8.09b/10a	.14 up
July	34-3/4	34-3/4	.14 up

NY-London Cross Rate 403-1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Mar. 26.

The following quotations are the

middle prices at the close of the

market in London. All quotations

are subject to confirmation and no

responsibility is assumed for errors

in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)

104-11/16

Defence Loan, 3%

101 1/2

Canton-Kloon Rly. 5%

11

Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan

1898 (Brit. Issue)

42

Chinese 5 1/2% Gold Bonds

1925/47

40-44

Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French

Loan, 1908

45

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan

1912

24

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan

1913 (Ldn. Is.)

31

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes

1925 (Vickers)

8-10

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5%

Loan

47

Hokan Rly. 5%

14

Hokan Rly. 5%, 1911

(L.P. N.Y. Issue)

14

Hokan Rly. 5%, 1911

(German Issue)

12

Lung Tsing & U. Hai

Rly. 5% 1913

12

Shai-N'King Rly. 5%

14

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5%

(Brit. Stpd.)

12

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5%

(German Stpd.)

12

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5%

(Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)

12

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5%

(Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)

12

Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924

24

Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924

54

Chartered Bank

8 1/2

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)

74

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Cal. Reg.)

77

Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)

15/-

Chosen Corporation

4/-

Mercantile Bank of India

dia. 25, "G"

10 1/2

Pekin Syndicate

1/8

Shai Elec. Constr. Co.

10/-

Shai Waterworks "A"

11 1/2

Union Insurance

23

Gula Kalumpung Rubber

Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.

15/-

Great Western Rly.

33 1/2

National Bank of India

R.A. Tob (bearer)

85/8

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

MARCH 27, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
	Mar. 26		Mar. 26
Adams Express	5 1/2	Loew's Inc.	32
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2	Loft Incorporated	18 1/2
Allis Chalmers	29 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	27 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	72 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	23 1/2
Amer. Can.	85 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	27 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	33	Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	17	Mountain City Copper Co.	3 3/4
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	17	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	12 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	National Distillers	20 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Lead	15 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	39 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	18	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	162 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	68 1/2	N. American Aviation	14 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	5 1/2	N. American Co.	14 1/2
Anaconda Copper	24 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	25 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	42 1/2
Aviation Corp.	3 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	27 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	14 1/2	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pan-American Airways	12 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	9	Paramount Pictures	12 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8	Pennsylvania R.R.	24 1/2
Bendix Aviation	35 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	76 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	24 1/2
Biss & Co.	15 1/2	Pullman Inc.	24 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	15 1/2	Pure Oil	7 1/2
Borg-Warner	17 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	41 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	21	Reading Company, Com.	14 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	34 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Case, J.I.	48	Revere Steel	18 1/2
Celanese	22 1/2	Revere Corp.	8 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2	Reynold, Tobac. "B"	30 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	63 1/2	Safeway Stores	38 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	34 1/2	Schenley Distillers	9 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	28 1/2	Sears Roebuck	71 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Socomy-Vacuum Oil	6 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Southern Pacific	8 1/2
Continental Can.	37	Southern Rly \$5 pfd.	23 1/2
Continental Oil	18 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	33 1/2
Copperweld Steel	15 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	9	Stand. Gas & Elec.	8 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	28 1/2	Standard Oil of California	19 1/2
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	35 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	16	Stone & Webster	6 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	72 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	6 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	146 1/2	Swift International	14 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	82 1/2	Technicolor	8 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	32 1/2	Texas Corp.	36 1/2
Elec. Antelope	29 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	34 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2	Timken-Axle	30 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	59 1/2	Trans-America Co.	44 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	68 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	6
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	34 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Elknote	13 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	66 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	51	Union Pacific	77 1/2
Gen. Electric	32 1/2	United Aircraft	37 1/2
Gen. Motors	42 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	12 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	138 1/2	United Corp.	11 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum. pf.	23 1/2
Hidden Co.	13 1/2	United Gas Corp.	24 1/2
Hoodrich (B.F.)	12 1/2	United Gas Improvement	24 1/2
Hoodrich \$5 pf.	80 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol.	8 1/2
Hoodyear Tire & Co.	18	U.S. Rubber	22 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	141 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	200 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	25 1/2	U.S. Smelting	80 1/2
Great Western Sugar	25 1/2	U.S. Steel	57 1/2
Greystone Corp.	11 1/2	Vanadium	25 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	70 1/2	Vultee Aircraft	64 1/2
Hemlock Mining	45	Walworth Co.	47 1/2
Hick Nickel	25 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	27 1/2
Hick. Paper & Paper	13 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	94 1/2
Hick. Tel. & Tel.	24	Woodward Iron Cor.	28 1/2
Hinsman	59 1/2	Chase National Bank	—
Hennecott Copper	33 1/2	National City Bank	—
Hobbs-Owens-Ford Glass	33 1/2	Libby, Monell & Libby	5 1/2
Hobbs Aircraft	29 1/2		

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BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.

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HAKONE MARU ... Friday, 11th Apr.

RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

* HAKODATE MARU ... Monday, 31st Mar.

MATUMOTO MARU ... Thursday, 10th Apr.

KOBE & YOKOHAMA

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YAWATA MARU ... Tuesday, 1st Apr.

ASAMA MARU ... Tuesday, 15th Apr.

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H.K. ROTARY CLUB FLAG DAY TOMORROW FOR PURCHASE OF AMBULANCES AND CANTEENS

The Rotary Club of Hongkong is holding a flag day tomorrow (March 29) when it hopes to raise a considerable sum for the purchase of motor ambulances and mobile canteens. The sum raised will be divided equally, one half being sent to Rotary International in England, and the other to Chinese headquarters. One mobile canteen has already been bought and is now operating in England.

The following letter shows how thoughts of friends at the other side of the world, to men serving here. Your generous gift will furnish what is known as a Light Canteen. This is built on the Ford chassis and is really a coffee stall, manned by two ladies. As you will know, all over the country there are isolated posts of eight or ten men on anti-aircraft work, and this type of van is found most suitable for getting to these stations, the sites of some of which preclude anything bigger getting near them. These men have a hard life and the chance of a warm meal, a chat to the team and the ability of purchasing cigarettes etc. make this work a real Godsend.

As soon as it is finished I will have it photographed and send out a copy to you.

Kindest regards,
Sincerely yours,
(Sd.) T. D. YOUNG,
(President R.I.B.I.)

LOCAL EFFORTS

Within a fortnight local rotarians raised \$8,500 and have added considerably to that amount since, by other means. Thus a Rotary Dinner, a Cabaret Dance, a football match have all yielded considerable sums for this good cause.

The club has secured the whole-hearted co-operation of various organisations and of the ladies of the Colony in order to ensure the success of this flag day, which will be the final and it hopes the biggest financial success of all. The need in Britain and in China for these motor vehicles is obvious. Cities are being bombed daily in both countries with the result that thousands of people are killed and wounded or rendered homeless. Motor ambulances therefore are in urgent demand in both countries. Mobile canteens serve those who have been bombed out of their homes as well as soldiers keeping watch in lonely posts.

The appeal, Rotarians feel sure, will commend itself to the general public whose generous support is now invited in order to ensure the success of this rotarian effort on behalf of Britain and of China. Sir Atholl MacGregor, K.T. Chief Justice, will broadcast an appeal on behalf of the fund this evening at 7.40 p.m.

VISIBLE TRADE OF COLONY

Decrease Recorded Last Month

According to an official report released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, the combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of February, 1941, totalled \$93.3 millions (\$25.8 millions) as compared with \$95.2 millions (\$25.9 millions) in February, 1940.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony decreased by 2.0 per cent. in Feb., 1941 as compared with Feb., 1940; and by 1.7 per cent. in terms of sterling.

IMPORTS & EXPORTS

Imports of merchandise in Feb., 1941 totalled \$55.3 millions (\$23.4 millions) as compared with \$53.0 millions (\$23.3 millions) in Feb., 1940, and exports \$38.0 millions (\$22.4 millions) as compared with \$42.2 millions (\$22.6 millions).

Imports of merchandise in Feb., 1941 increased by 4.3 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 3.0 per cent. in terms of sterling. Exports of merchandise in Feb., 1941 decreased by 10.0 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 7.7 per cent. in terms of sterling.

BIG DECREASE

During the first two months of 1941 imports of merchandise totalled \$115.4 millions (\$27.1 millions) as compared with \$123.6 millions (\$27.6 millions) in the corresponding period of 1940; and exports \$90.9 millions (\$25.6 millions) as compared with \$104.2 millions (\$24.4 millions).

Imports of merchandise decreased by 5.9 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 6.6 per cent. in terms of sterling; exports decreased by 12.3 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 12.5 per cent. in terms of sterling.

SIXTEEN CASES OF CHOLERA

Sixteen cases of Cholera were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Mar. 28. Of the total, five were reported from the Victoria Registration District, eight from Old and New Kowloon, and one each from Shaikwan, New Territories and Harbour. Other diseases notified are as follows: Diphtheria, three cases; Dysentery, 11 cases; Measles, six cases; Tuberculosis, 28 cases.

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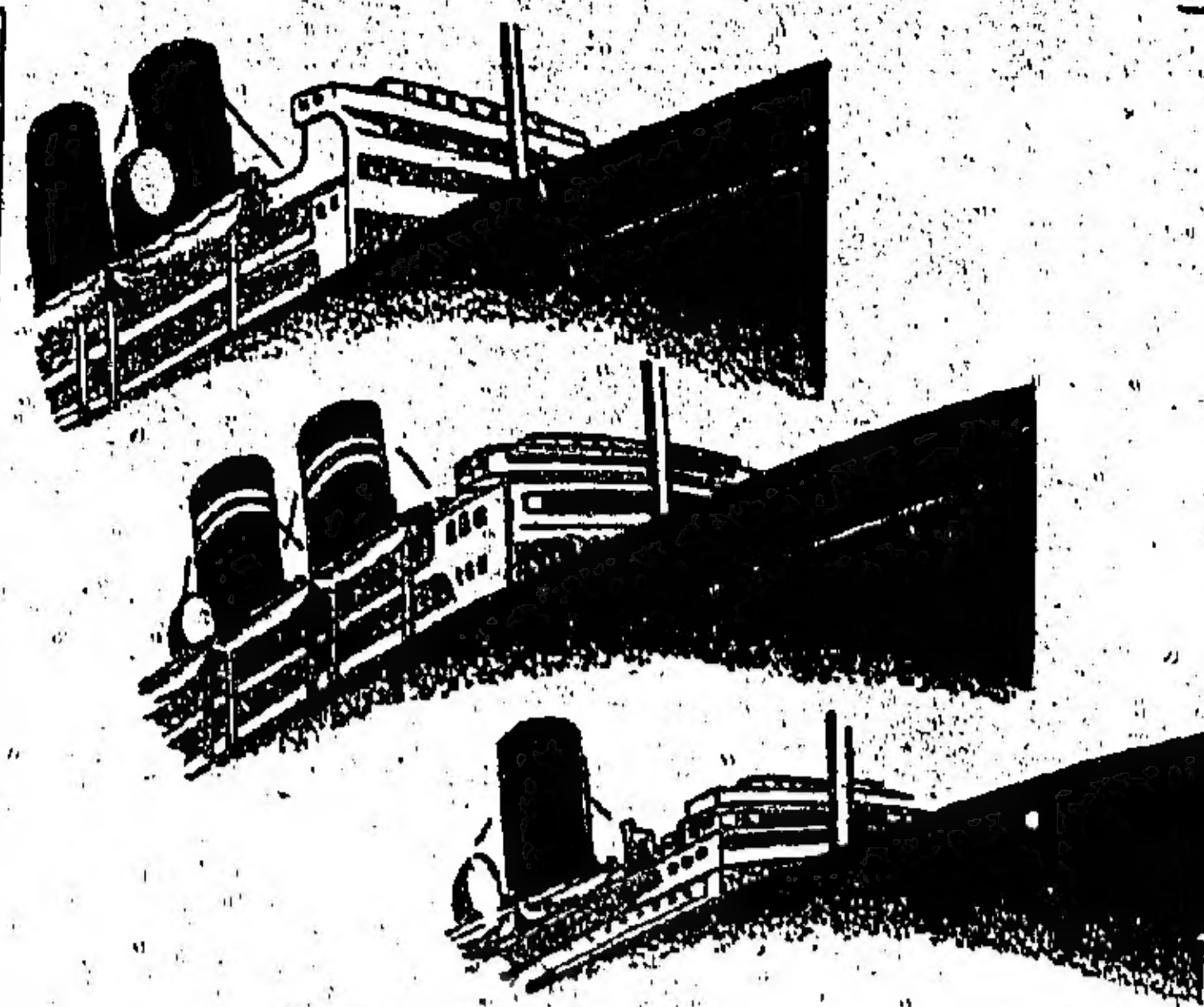
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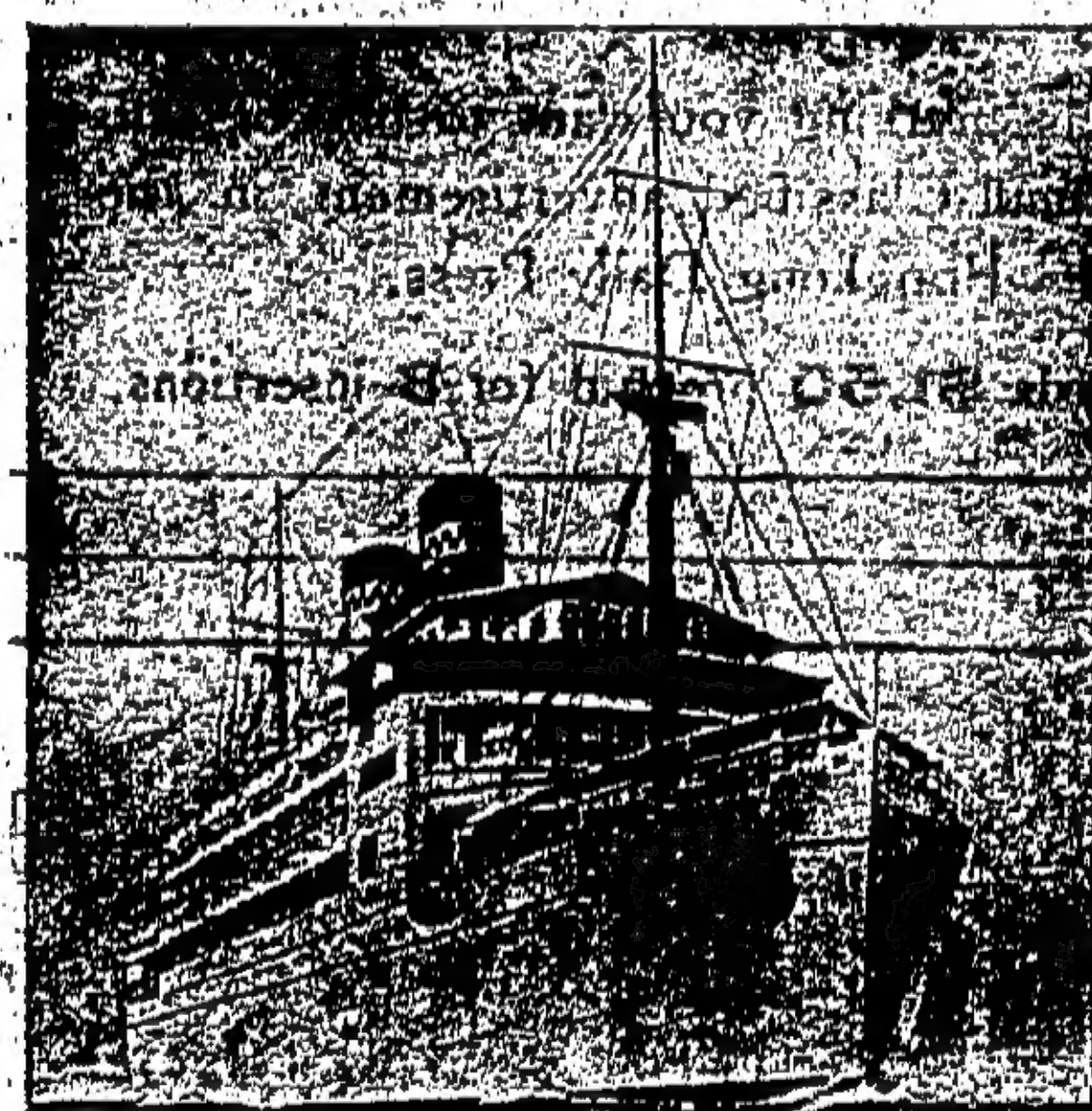
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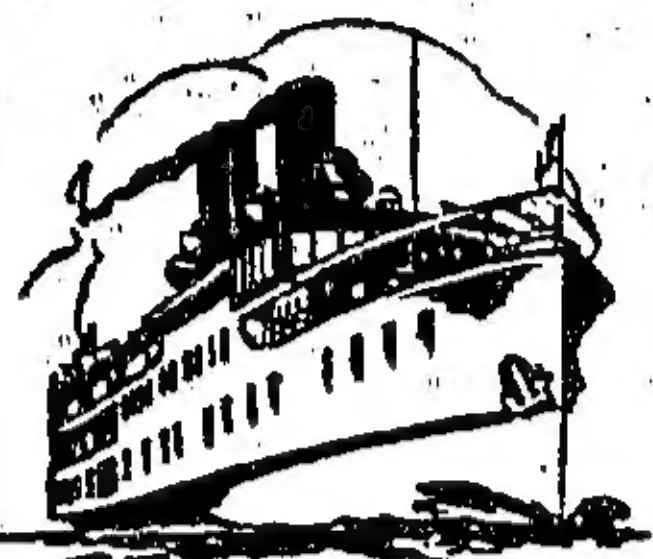
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Telegrams Between H.K. Government, Chungking

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After reading the letter, the Chairman said: You may recall, Mr. Forrest, the constant burden of the telegrams in the past between the Government here, the British Agent in Chungking, the British Ambassador in Shanghai, and the Foreign Office, and I think you will agree that throughout the one thing that was stressed was the sympathetic treatment of Chinese?—Yes.

The Chairman: We have here a letter from a very senior and responsible gentleman, and it is only right that I should recollect the terms of that letter to you and ask you to give such explanation as you desire. It relates to what happened inside on the same occasion as mentioned by Major Manners.

Mr. Forrest: In the first place, it is a complete surprise to me that any person has suggested any rudeness with regard to my conduct inside. It is a great pity that the author of the letter is not here to answer the questions I should like to put, but I should like to call attention to the fact that he seemed to know my name, but not my full position, which makes it very doubtful to my mind, and I hope to you, as to whether he actually gathered his information as to my identity on the spot. There was another grey-haired official present at the time.

The Chairman: I gathered from Major Manners that Mr. Burnie was the officer-in-charge, and that you were the other European official who visited the ship. It was common ground that you were inside taking part in the passport examination.

Mr. Forrest: I was endeavouring to teach Mr. Burnie as I had received complaints from the same company that there had been unnecessary delay in the examination of their ships.

The Chairman: Do you say that there were two officials there, one more or less learning the job, and the other supervising?

THREE OFFICIALS

Mr. Forrest: I have since learned there were three. The other being a Russian sergeant in plain clothes whose name is Korshonoff, I believe. In any case, his information did not strike me as correct, especially as regard my official status, etc., and I would say that I had noticed myself at the time that Mr. Burnie's attitude was rather that of a supervisor. The reasons why the personal guarantee of Mr. Keswick, as soon as I learned his identity, was more acceptable than cash can be gathered from what I have said in my memorandum. These Chinese gentlemen referred to were prominent or otherwise I don't know, except Mr. Keswick himself. I hope to be given the opportunity of calling Mr. Clague, who was the only person not in my service, present at the time.

Mr. Yuen Tak-lau, of the Immigration Office, produced two account books, one of which was the Vote Ledger, for the Commission's inspection. He also produced a wooden box which, he said, was used for transferring permits from one office to another. This box, when containing the permits, was locked and had a green label affixed thereto.

Mr. W. H. Chen then read out a statement, in the course of which he said:

I have been Assistant Immigration Officer since January 2, 1941, prior to which time I was for many years a member of the editorial staff of the North-China Daily News in Shanghai. Following my arrival in Hongkong, I was appointed Associate Editor, and later Editor, of the Hongkong Daily Press. Concurrently, I was Editor of the Far Eastern Journal, a monthly publication, which I gave up at the end of last year to join the Immigration Office.

I did not realize, until I had actually joined the service and taken up duty, the importance of the Immigration Officer's task, but, when I joined him, I immediately found that he was faced with difficulties of many kinds.

Conditions up to even a few weeks ago bordered on chaos but such big crowds and such a demand for permits and residence certificates were never contemplated.

I estimate that the space allotted to the general public was sufficient for about 60 persons only, but on occasions we had, I am sure, at least three times that number with scores and scores of others pressing in from the street and with many others standing in a queue on both sides of the door.

QUESTION OF SHROFFS

With reference to the question

of shroffs, I am certain that, had we a couple of extra shroffs, the work of the Immigration Office would have been accelerated considerably.

Under the conditions which we worked, I hold that, if we were able to show fifty per cent. efficiency, we were doing remarkably well. Up to only a few weeks ago, we did not have a chance to settle down but now that we have put things into working order of a more or less normal type (though I might add that we could do better if we were given a little more time to put things in ship-shape order), things are working more smoothly.

MEMBERS PUNISHED

We have been accused of discourtesy and incivility. I hold no brief for those who are rude or uncivil and I can assure you, that apart from doing everything we can to deal with cases of discourtesy which come to our attention. Already some staff members have been punished.

We have been accused of corruption. May I read several warnings which have been issued to the staff by the Immigration Officer in this connexion? No mercy is being shown to any member of the staff found engaging in dishonest practices, and no stone is being left unturned in our efforts to stamp out the evil.

We feel that we have done, and that we are still doing, our best under the prevailing circumstances and now that conditions have been so improved, mainly with regard to accommodation, equipment and the cessation of the rush, we feel confident that the Immigration Office will run smoothly enough to comply with the public's requirements.

In reply to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Chen agreed that during his career he gained the enmity of quite a number of persons, and handed in to the Commission a list of those whom he thought might harbour thoughts of enmity against him.

The Chairman: I see that the first name on your list is that of Mr. K. L. Dunn who is, you said, no longer with the Immigration Office. Can you say from first-hand knowledge why his services were terminated?—Yes, Sir, I investigated the matter myself and found that he was demanding, and obtaining, from members of the staff part of their salaries every month.

After Mr. B. C. Hobbs, Assistant Immigration Officer, had given evidence of the difficulty he experienced in obtaining transportation to ships in the harbour, Mr. Shou J. Chen, Manager of the Bank of China, identified a letter addressed by him to the four Chinese members of the Legislative Council in which he complained of the affront on his Bank by the Immigration Office.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Chen said that the Bank of China has been established in Hongkong

BREACH OF CONTRACT ALLEGED

CLAIM BROUGHT FOR \$1,000

Further evidence was given before Mr. Justice Williams at the Summary Court yesterday in the case in which T. O. Wong and Co., Ltd., claimed from the Kwong Sun Hong, of No. 44 Bonham Strand West, \$1,000 for breach of a contract for the sale and purchase of 343 tins of pure "Yau Hop" tea-seed oil, entered into between the two parties on Dec. 12, 1939.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. W. M. Brown, while Mr. F. H. Losby was for the defendants. At the resumed hearing, Mr. Brown applied for an amendment to the writ by substituting the words "by contract" for "in writing."

T. O. Wong, proprietor of plaintiff firm, gave evidence that defendants refused to give him a sample of the oil for test and later, through their gild, approached him to take delivery of the goods. He took delivery of 320 tins and found the oil to be bad.

Hearing was adjourned to April 16, at 2.30 p.m.

IRRIGATION CANALS

The Kansu Provincial Government has announced that two irrigation canals will be built in the province in the course of this year. They are the Yungfeng Canal and the Lama Canal in Yungfeng hsien, west Kansu, measuring 25 kilometers and 27 kilometers respectively.

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Mr. Ma Tsui-chui, J.P., stated that on Jan. 18 he endorsed the application of a friend for a 4-year certificate, signing both as the manager of a firm and as a J.P. This endorsement was accepted by the D.I.O., but rejected by the I.O. who called for the endorsement of the Commissioner of Customs as the applicant was a Customs man.

AFTERNOON HEARING

When the Inquiry was resumed at the Supreme Court in the afternoon, Mr. H. S. Sequeira, and Mr. T. C. Sun, of the National Industrial Bank of China, Shanghai, gave evidence of incivility at Immigration Office.

Mr. Chan Kwok-yuen, head clerk of the Immigration Office, said that he ceased to ask for more clerks because there was no sufficient space and also because he wanted to see how the work was getting on.

MR. V. V. NEEDA BUYS SIX PONIES FOR \$60

MR. V. V. NEEDA, the well-known jockey, was the "luckiest" purchaser at the pony rump, held at the paddocks of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB yesterday, when 68 ponies were put up for sale by public auction conducted by Mr. E. V. M. de Sousa.

Well Done, Silver Wings, Green Diamond, Lucky Eleven, Infante (late Common View), and Violet Queen were knocked down to Mr. Needa for \$10 each.

Eve of Reason, a 1940-Griffin, fetched the highest price, \$1,500.

Pinfarthings (Chan Hon) \$25; Night View (Ng Lam) \$15; Victoria (withdrawn); Attacking Time (withdrawn); Royber (Ng Lam) \$15; Mauber (F. M. L. Soares) \$10; Wilber (V. V. Needa) \$25; Grether (Larry Ko) \$105; Cocklerol (withdrawn at \$400); Luxury (G. C. Chan) \$350; The Tigress (M. Alarcon) \$70; Silver Spear (no bid); Advancing Time (withdrawn at \$140); Starlet (V. V. Needa) \$15; Standard Express (V. V. Needa) \$70; Australian Prince (Yue Shun-wah) \$340; Princess Adelaide (L. Chi-choh) \$450; Eve of Dancing (withdrawn at \$380); Eve of Hunting (withdrawn at \$370); Eve of Folly (withdrawn at \$370); Eve of Reason (Kwok Hin-wang on behalf of Richard Ho) \$1,500; Eve of Rest (V. V. Needa) \$110; Eve of Illusion (V. V. Needa) \$75; China pony griffin (V. V. Needa) \$50; well Done (V. V. Needa) \$10; Eve of Heaven (P. P. Botelho) \$70; Musketeer (withdrawn at \$370); Possible (W. A. Ingram) \$70; Silver Wings (V. V. Needa) \$10; Senocitta (Colleen) \$115; Spring Time (F. E. Almeida Remedios) \$205; This Buckfastleigh (T. E. Li) \$1,000.

Time (withdrawn at \$155); Smiling Time (withdrawn at \$70); A Great Time (Garcia) \$15; Green Diamond (V. V. Needa) \$10; Golden Cow (F. M. L. Soares) \$10; Palmer (W. A. Ingram) \$35; Circe (withdrawn); Angel of Peace (R. H. Charles) \$45; Lucky Eleven (V. V. Needa) \$10; Zadderday (E. H. Baker) \$500; Bruno (Wong Tik-kuang) \$710; Caterick Bridge (withdrawn); Ajax (no bid); Beau-ford (S. W. Lee) \$220; Blue Gown (S. W. Lee) \$225; Gossiper (Ng Lam) \$15; Talkative (W. A. Ingram) \$15; Chatterbox (R. K. C. Chui) \$50; Pumpernickel (withdrawn at \$370); Infante (V. V. Needa) \$10; Tornado Star (T. K. Li) \$200; Harmony Star (withdrawn); Maple Star (Lo Kong-to) \$280; Rising Star (K. Kwok) \$50; Ruby Star (Garcia) \$110; Twilight Star (Garcia) \$85; Lovely Star (P. P. Botelho) \$80; Dawn Star (W. A. Ingram) \$80; Princess Clara (L. Reidy) \$125; Ascot Day (S. N. Pan) \$300; Annabell (withdrawn at \$420); Whampoa (Garcia) \$100; Bressay (withdrawn at \$35); Royal Sovereign (withdrawn at \$1,450); Violet Queen (V. V. Needa) \$10; Galaxy (withdrawn at \$1,000); Buckfastleigh (T. E. Li) \$1,000.

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